

Morning Prayer – Rite II

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Prelude

“Voluntary in F”

- *Hine*

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn “Lord, we have come at your own invitation”

Hymn #348

Singing is prohibited during COVID

Welcome and Announcements:

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before him. (*Habakkuk 2:20*)

Officiant: **Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.** *Silence may be kept*

Officiant and People *(all kneeling)*

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done,

And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come let us sing to the Lord;*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,*
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed, Psalm 145: 1-8

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,
And praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to
be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your
works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lesson - (Reader 1)

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are

mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

10 The Second Song of Isaiah (Reader 1)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating.
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

The Lesson - (Reader 2)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the

interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

19 The Song of the Redeemed (Reader 2)

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are the ways of righteousness and truth,
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name?
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you,
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from Matthew 21:23-32: (Officiant)

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

Meditation

“Meditation: “Diapason Movement”

- *Walond*

(*Note: A diapason is a specific organ stop.*)

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People (*stand as you are able*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers (*stand or kneel*)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Suffrages B: *(two readers alternate with V & R)*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance,

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy;

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day: *(Officiant)*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

A Collect for Guidance: *(Officiant)*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Prayer for Safe Opening of Churches *(Officiant)*

Holy God, as we open our doors and welcome in those who will come may we recognize you among them. As we make our churches safe to enter and care for those who come through our doors, may we recognize you as our strong defense. As we say our prayers and light our candles may we recognize you in the midst of our new common life. As we resume our life and live our lives may we recognize you as our life today, tomorrow, and always. **Amen**

Prayer for Mission *(Officiant)*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those that are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your spirit upon all flesh; hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion: *(Officiant)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping especially those on our parish prayer list: Florence, Lisa, Maryanne, Nick, Rich, Sam, Scott and all people in Shelter Care Ministry programs, and for those who have died especially David, Dominic, Otis: and I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessing of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me and for those celebrating a birthday especially **Roberta Venovic (09/30); Byron Dale (10/01); John Birnbaum (10/02)** and those celebrating anniversaries. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you will come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us such and awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Recessional Hymn

“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!”

Hymn #539

Postlude

“Voluntary in A”

- Selby

Announcements

Church Reservations: To make a reservation for Sunday, please email by Thursday at 5 pm.
the churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org

Zoom Meeting Invitation: Virtual Happy Hour, Thursday, October 8, 5 - 6:30 pm

Forward Day by Day: These are now free. Receive the day's meditation in your inbox every Morning
Visit our Facebook page to sign up.

Jubilee Center: We will be hosting the Jubilee members for service of remembrance for those members who have died during the Pandemic. Tuesday, September 29, at 10:30 am.

Pet Blessing: Will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 11:45am out in the Resurrection Garden.

Jubilee Center Open Hour: Sunday, October 4, 9 am - 1 pm and Monday, October 5, 3 pm - 6 pm. The Jubilee Center has a new look with painting and flooring. Come by and see their new look.

Aspire: Join us we celebrate "Not Your Ordinary Saints". Beginning Wednesday, October 7, via Zoom. Materials and details will be forthcoming before the first gathering.

Emmanuel, Jeremiah Development & Oak Street Health: is hosting a drive up Flu Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, October 10, from 9-2 pm.

Calling all Crafters: We are asking that those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to our cause. We would like to make These scarves available to Jubilee Center clients on Sunday, December 6. Donations should be completed by the Monday after Thanksgiving; November 30.

Early voting at Emmanuel: Monday, October 19 – Monday, November 2.
Voting hours will be from 8:30a - 7:00p - Monday thru Friday.
Saturday and Sunday, October 24, 25, 31, and November 1 from 9:00a – 5:00p.

Vacation: Diane is on vacation from Friday, September 25 – Saturday, October 3. If you require pastoral assistance, please call Doug Rogers.

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Maria MendiaNursery Care Coordinator
Timothy BordenSexton
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Jennifer Smith, Kathryn Torrence, Jacob Hardesty, Stacey
LaRosa, Susan Schmitz, Peter Gottlick, Mathew Oakes.

Assisting In The Liturgy

10:30 a.m.

Crucifer: Andrew James
Old Testament: Phil James
New Testament: Dennis Horton
Ushers: Robert Parker, Michael Smith, Cheryl Rogers