

Morning Prayer – Rite II

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Prelude:

“All Glory Be to God on High”

- *Walther*

All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come high, the feud at last is ended.
God showeth His goodwill toward men, and peace shall dwell on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness.

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn:

“Jerusalem, my happy home”

Hymn #620

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
2. Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

Welcome and Announcements:

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: 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!

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come, let us adore him.

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Reader 1)

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle #13 S-236

“A Song of Praise”

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (Reader 2)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Praise:

“God bless our native land”

Hymn #716

1. God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand
through storm and night: when the wild tempests
rave, ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country
save by thy great might.
2. For her our prayers shall rise to God, above the skies;
on him we wait; thou who art ever nigh, guarding
with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry, God save the
state!

A Reading from Matthew 25:1-13 (Officiant)

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

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 A: (*two readers alternate with V & R*)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: (*Officiant*)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace *(Officiant)*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Veterans *(Officiant)*

Today we remember all of our veterans past and present. We ask for the healing of those who have been wounded in body and soul, wounds both visible and invisible. We pray for those who have returned and those who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, for those who served in Vietnam, Korea and World War II and live with injured bodies and traumatized spirits to receive your solace and healing. We ask that those who are unable to pray for themselves will receive the blessings of our prayers offered on their behalf. Bring peace to those places where our women and men have fought. Bless those who served in non-combatant roles. May their service continue in their lives and may that service be positive for all of us. Give us the vision to see a world in which all grow weary with war and fighting, and turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. These things we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

The Rt. Rev. James Magness
Bishop for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Officiant)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Today we especially remember those celebrating birthdays; **Diane Tomlinson** (11/09); **Kiley Beck** (11/11); **Sierra Castrey** (11/11); **Mark Tomlinson** (11/14) and those celebrating anniversaries, especially **John & Sandy Schapman** (11/10). For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dale, Ellen, Kevin, Larry, Mary, Maryanne, Nick, Patrick, Rich, Sam, Sean, and for our families, friends, and neighbors. For all who have died, especially John, Toshie *Toe-shee-aa* (*long a sound*).

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

“Rejoice!”

Hymn #68

1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw
nigh; up, watch with expectation! at the midnight
comes the cry.
2. See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with
oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and
toil. The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide
open stand; Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the
Bridegroom is at hand!

Postlude:

“All Glory Be to God on High”

- *Armsdorf*

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. The office is open.

Aspire Presents: Join us on **Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 P.M.** for the fourth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the fourth of the series that will highlight – C.S. Lewis and will be presented by Cheryl Rogers & Ginny Hatwich. Go to EmmanuelRockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

Stewardship: Stewardship letters were sent out this week. Please return them to the church no later than **November 15.**

Jubilee Christmas Gift Card Collection: This year we are continuing our tradition of collecting monies for gift cards for Jubilee members. If you would like to donate, please send a check by Monday, November 30. Please note in the memo line Jubilee Christmas Gift.

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.

Vacation: Diane is on vacation from **Monday, November 9 - Monday, November 16.** If you require pastoral assistance, please call Doug Rogers.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Reader #1: Alan Gibby
Reader #2: Barrie Gibby
Vocalists: Rachel Schmitt and Jennifer Smith

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