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A Service of The Liturgy of the Word
July 12, 2020

We are delighted to be together again in a socially-distanced worship service. Your safety and the safety of all is our priority. Please do wear your masks during our worship. Also, we ask that you refrain from singing, as singing has been shown to be a significant contributor to the spread of COVID. Children are encouraged to play within their family circles and participate as they can. Remember we each experience God in our own way. Please enjoy the beauty of God's beloved creation and the joy of being together again in God's name.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: 512: Come, gracious spirit, heavenly dove(St 1 - 3)

St. 1: Come, gracious spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er every thought and step preside.

St. 2: The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart, that we from thee may ne'er depart.

St. 3: Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his precepts stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road, that we must take to dwell with God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Together

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
 People And also with you.
 Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
 For you shall go out in joy,
 and be led back in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you
 shall burst into song,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
 for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14

Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
 to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
 because of their transgressions.
 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *

but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *

they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *

O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 632: O Christ, the word incarnate

St. 1: O Christ, the word incarnate, O wisdom from on high;
O truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;
We praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shine on from age to age.

St 2: The church from our dear master received the word divine,
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,

Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

St 3: O make thy church, dear savior, a lamp of purest gold,
 To bear before the nations thy true light as of old;
 O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
 Till clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People Gory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Deacon Liz Skaleski

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, serve the common good, seek to respect the dignity of all people, and dispel our ignorance and prejudice.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may recognize the inherent value of all that You have created.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray particularly for Will, Beatrix, Bruce, Pierce, Vivian, Alan, Melissa, Anne, Janet Margie, Norm, Mary, Beryl, Gail, Clare, Stephen, John, Jan, Roland, Joseph, Annette, Kathy Annie, Dan, Clara, Caro, Beth, Madison, Lynn, Joan, Jerry, Cath, George, Robert. And for those who serve in the Armed Forces ...

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer..

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Together

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.

The Priest says

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.*

Saying together :

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing prayer

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept our heartfelt prayers for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements including July birthday blessings

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God!

Closing hymn: 390: Praise to the Lord, the almighty (st 1,2,4)

St. 1: Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation;
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
 Join the great throng, psaltery organ, and song;
 Sounding in glad adoration.

St. 2: Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth;
 Borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
 Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
 Granted in what he oraineth?

St. 4: Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him.
 Let the amen sound from his people again;
 Gladly forever adore him.

Postlude

Announcements

- If you brought a coffee hour snack, please feel free to hang around in the meadow and enjoy the morning while catching up with friends in a socially distanced way.
- Evening prayer on Zoom continues on Thursday nights. Link will be sent out that day.
- RSVP's are REQUIRED for our second Music in the Meadow concert on Wednesday July 15th (weather permitting). Go to St. Paul's website and click on the slide on the homepage for the concert. Plan to settle into a socially distanced circle with your own chairs, and come early around 6:30 to enjoy a picnic dinner brought from home.
- Save the Date for our annual "Movie in the Meadow" on July 24th. Movie to be announced soon!

Assisting in Worship Today

Usher/Greeter:

Lector: Holden Sibley

Cantor: Elizabeth Wells

St. Paul's Vestry Members

Margaret Feldmeth	Holden Sibley
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