



Sunday, July 30, 2023

Processional

Morning has broken

(H 7)

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!*

Celebrant: Blessed be our God. People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Glory to God (S 280)

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.

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 1 Kings.

3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father

David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

129. Your decrees are wonderful; ***therefore I obey them with all my heart.**

130. When your word goes forth it gives light; ***it gives understanding to the simple.**

131. I open my mouth and pant; ***I long for your commandments.**

132. Turn to me in mercy, ***as you always do to those who love your Name.**

133. Steady my footsteps in your word; ***let no iniquity have dominion over me.**

134. Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***and I will keep your commandments.**

135. Let your countenance shine upon your servant ***and teach me your statutes.**

136. My eyes shed streams of tears, ***because people do not keep your law.**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will

separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: Blest are the pure in heart (H 656)

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. 13:31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Peter Steinbrenner

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.

Prayers of the People

In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ have mercy."

For the mission of the Church in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, and have grace to build up your people in love. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our nation and the world, that they may come together in peace, protect our fragile earth, and work together for the common good. **Christ, have mercy.**

For those in our community in need, those in the grip of addiction, and those who lack hope. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the sick, the injured, and those in need of healing, in either body, mind or soul, especially: __. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those saints who have departed this life, we pray today for: _____. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Jesus; Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the

evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you**

Offertory Anthem: Prayer of Mother Teresa Dan Forrest
Isabel Ferguson – soloist

Presentation of Offering

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]

(WLP 785)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us. **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion: I walked today where Jesus walked Geoffrey O'Hara
Isabele Ferguson - soloist

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Thy kingdom come! (H 615)

1. *"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.*
2. *But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong; and for the everlasting night the silent stars are strong.*
3. *And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear; gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:*
4. *the day to whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;*
5. *when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad; the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Calendar		
Monday	6:30 PM	Al-Anon (Resumes 7/31) – Support for those affected by the disease of addiction
Tuesday	9 AM	Tuesday Tune-up – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Thursday	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom – <i>an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i>) Contact lauracanon@yahoo.com
Friday	10:30 AM	Alzheimer's / Dementia /Memory Support Group at the Epiphany campus. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050

Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	Faith Matters (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	Summer Education for youth (4 years and up), nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Announcement about the Parish Hall

Renovation of the parish hall continues. The renovations will take 2 to 3 weeks to complete. If you need to use the parish hall, please check the availability ahead of time.

CPR Training Saturday August 26

Do you know how to respond to a medical emergency? Do not miss this opportunity to attend CPR training at Epiphany. This class will be held Saturday August 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm. We never know what life will throw at us, you could be the one that makes a difference. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex or see Ron Ziance for more information

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Spread the word about the Alzheimer's / Dementia / Memory support group. This is open to caregivers and care receivers and meets every Friday 10:30 am to 12 pm on the Epiphany campus. If you are in need or know anyone in need of the love, support and help this group offers please call or have them call Gary Hails at 702-884-7050

Treasure House and Epicenter Food Bank Donations

Please save your donations for Epicenter Food Bank and Treasure House until September 1 2023. The person delivering these items is on vacation and ample storage is not available. Thank you for your generosity and holding on to your items a few weeks.

Refugee Resettlement Needs

Won't you help with our Outreach Refugee Resettlement Program? July needs are Shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant (\$ store items). Diapers and Baby Items See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

St. Jude's Ranch Collection

For July and August, St Jude's is collecting baby things. Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. Etc.

Our mission is to create and nurture disciples to share our journey to know and to love Jesus Christ

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