



Sunday September 24, 2023

Processional

Alleluia

(SOP 4)

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

(Refrain)

3. We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

5. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 the book of Jonah.

3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Psalm 145:1-8

1. I will exalt you, O God my King, ***and bless your Name for ever and ever.**
2. Every day will I bless you ***and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
3. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ***there is no end to his greatness.**
4. One generation shall praise your works to another ***and shall declare your power.**
5. I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty ***and all your marvelous works.**
6. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, ***and I will tell of your greatness.**
7. They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; ***they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

8. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, ***slow to anger and of great kindness.**

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

1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel Hymn

Thou art Worthy

(SOP 240)

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord, Thou art worthy To receive glory, Glory and honor, Glory and honor and power For Thou hast created, hast all things created, Thou hast created all things; And for Thy pleasure they are created – Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Clergy: **The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

20:1-16

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Plucker

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant: O Holy God, we ask you to hear our prayers as you breathe your life-giving Spirit into the congregations of Grace and Epiphany, calling us to join together in mission for the spreading of the Gospel: Show us the people to whom we should go and the path we should travel; help us to understand the deep longings of their hearts, and enable us to feed them through the living presence of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose power we set forth and in whose Name we pray. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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

Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis

(SOP 229)

1. *Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*
2. *Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.*
3. *Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.*
4. *Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 Hymn Balm in Gilead (SOP 8)

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul

1. *Sometimes I feel discouraged And deep I feel the pain In prayers the holy spirit Revives my soul again. (Refrain)*
2. *My Lord, through pain and sorrow, the cup of fire has drained, then offered me the chalice, whose light alone remains. (Refrain)*
3. *If you cannot pray like Peter If you cannot preach like Paul Go home and tell your neighbor He died to save us all. (Refrain)*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional I will sing I will sing (SOP 321)

1. *I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Alleluia, glory to the Lord.*
2. *We will come, we will come as one before the Lord We will come, we will come as one before the Lord We will come, we will come as one before the Lord Alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Alleluia, glory to the Lord.*
6. *In His name, in His name we have the victory In His name, in His name we have the victory In His name, in His name we have the victory Alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord Alleluia, glory to the Lord.*

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**



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Calendar		
Monday	6:30 PM	Al-Anon – Support for those around someone afflicted 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 (<i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i>) Contact lauracanon@yahoo.com
Friday	10 AM	Morning Prayer with Daughters of the King (Live)
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	Church School for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Nevada has a new tool to help combat this growing health problem in our community: **DIAL 988** on your phone. Make that lifesaving call for yourself or a loved one. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex to learn the warning signs and what you can do to help. If you are in crisis, Dial 988. If you know someone in

crisis, Dial 988, help keep them safe, and follow up. Calls to 988 are confidential and free of charge. **Remember: Don't wait, call 988.**

Blessing of the Animals - Simunye style!

Please join us on Saturday September 30 from 9 to 11 AM at Wilbur and Teresa Faiss Park (7025 S. Fort Apache Rd). There will be crafts and games for the kids, a pet specific liturgy, a skit by the kids, individual pet blessings by the clergy, food and fun for all. This will be our first opportunity for the people of Grace and the people of Epiphany to come together with the community as we bring the gospel into the world. Come and be part of it!

Simunye Discernment Group

All are invited to join Deacon Erica for an 11-week book study to launch our Simunye Discernment Group! We will read and discuss "Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World". The group will meet on Zoom Monday evenings, 6:30-8pm, beginning Oct. 2. Contact Deacon Erica for Zoom link: (505) 818-7071 or TheRev.Roz@gmail.com

Refugee Resettlement Needs

_Won't you help with our Outreach Refugee Resettlement Program? Current needs are Toilet paper, tissues (Kleenex) and paper towels See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

St. Jude's Ranch Collection

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

Epicenter Food collection is Underway

. For September we would like to concentrate on peanut butter and jelly ... a perfect lunch or after school snack for the children. Thank you in advance for donating these items to the basket in the narthex labeled Epicenter Food Bank".



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