

Becoming Beloved Community

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7



Worship Services for Convention

October 17 and 18, 2020

Prayers at Noon Day, Saturday, 17th October 2020

My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Silence

Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia. Alleluia

A Reading From Isaiah 61:

- 1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Honoring of the Blessed Dead of our Diocesan Family

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Father and creator of all we give thanks for the lives and ministries of our blessed dead.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**We believe in God the Creator,
by whom every person in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God:
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Amen**

- *From Grace Cathedral*

And as our father taught us let us know pray:

Our Father...

May the Creator
bless us and keep us;
may the beloved companion face us
and have mercy upon us;
may the eternal Spirit's countenance
be turned to us and give us peace;
may the Three in One bless us.

- *From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

An Order for Compline in Cove

Saturday, 17th October 2020

Opening Statement: The Spirit of God be our guide, to lead us to peace and to glory. *Amen*

Officiant: My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the eternal God,

People: **who is making the heavens and the earth.**

Dear God,

Thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity

For the stewardship you have give us of this planet earth,

For the gifts of life and of one another,

For your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O thou, most holy and beloved

Our Companion, our Guide upon the way.

Our bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God,

In whom we live and move and have our being,

All that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,

To the very secret of our hearts

And all that rises to trouble us,

Living flame, burn into us,

Cleansing wind, blow through us,

Fountain of water, well up within us,

That we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

Invocation

Eternal Spirit

Flow through our being and open our lips,

That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 23

Dear God, you sustain me and feed me:

Like a shepherd you guide me.

You lead me to an oasis of green,

To lie down by restful waters.

You refresh my soul for the journey,

And guide me along trusted roads.

The God of justice is your name.

Though I must enter the darkness of death,

I will fear no evil.

For you are with me,

Your rod and staff comfort me.

You prepare a table before my very eyes,

In the presence of those who trouble me.

You anoint my head with oil,

And you fill my cup to the brim.

Your loving kindness and mercy will meet me

Every day of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of my God for ever.

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.**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in my heart, and you will find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Thanks be to God.

V: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit;*

R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. *Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;*

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, Have mercy.

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.
Our Father 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.

Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer

People: **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Collects

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy
Defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

Oh God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over
those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that
our common life depends up on each other's toil, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and
asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free
To go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
Whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
And the glory of your people Israel.
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.**

Officiant and People

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep
we may rest in peace.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us and keep us, **Amen.**

Sunday Morning Prayer

18th October 2020

Prelude and meditation.

– Sean Rogers, Piano

Household Prayer for the Prelude to Worship

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me,
for others, and for the world.

Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things
you are doing around and within me today.

Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus
and his confidence in me.

Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree,
bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. **Amen.**

Officiant:

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service. All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture:

"Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God."
Spirit of God, search our hearts. (1 John 4:7)

The officiant then says:

Let us in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart.

We have not loved others
as our Savior Christ loves us.

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** (From The New Zealand Prayerbook)

A priest says:

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

(From The New Zealand Prayerbook)

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Officiant

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

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 72 *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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.**

Moment of Meditation

A Reading from 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: *Do you believe in God the Father?*

All: **We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

All: **We 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 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.**

Bishop: *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

All: **We 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.**

Bishop: *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: *Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: *Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: *Will you seek and serve all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Gracious Creator, we thank you that you give us to each other, for we discover new dimensions of your grace in the friction and comfort of life together. In your body we learn what it means to be whole. In your mercy, help us to set our fear aside. Loosen our grip on what we know, if it is keeping us from what you would teach us, where you would take us. All this we ask in the name of our surest companion, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us join with all creation in praying for
the good of the earth, saying,
God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.
O God, we give you thanks for your Holy Spirit
whose work at creation continues in us.
Through Christ Jesus you have shown your love
for this earth you made.
We pray that all the world may know your
power and goodness;
God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.
Word of life, reveal the wonder of your world
to all people.
Show us anew what lives around us, over us,
beneath us, within us.
Enliven the church with your Spirit,
that we may honor your earth with responsible care.
God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.
Almighty God, uphold our sisters and brothers
who endure disasters
caused by weather, war, famine, sickness, or greed.
Strengthen all who are in peril,
especially the people of [name places of concern].
You are our refuge and strength, a very present help
in time of trouble.
God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.
Giver of all good things, bring trust and sympathy
to the nations of the world.
Let peacemakers reign wherever there is conflict.
Give wisdom to leaders and hope to the poor.
God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.
Good healer, we pray for all who are in need of comfort.
Comfort those who mourn;
uphold those who are sick, or holding vigil,
or awaiting words of hope,
especially those we name now silently or aloud [silence].
God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop Patrick and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus of freedom, some of your own disciples, like Peter and John and Paul and many other followers since then-and even you-have been held in prison and not known what was happening outside, how long the doors would be locked, or if they would ever be opened. But even trapped in prison, those who trusted you found a way to live with hope and freedom. Help us to have that same freedom that you give and that they knew. Grant us the spirit we need to find joy while inside these fences and walls. We ask this in your holy name. **Amen.**

Adapted from Hear My Voice

Trusting in your mercy, we commend to you all those we have named and those whose needs are known only to you, in the name of your Son, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Moment of Meditation for personal intercessions and thanksgivings.

Thanksgiving for United Thank Offering

O loving and gracious God, we bring before you these United Thank Offerings in continuation of thankfulness first brought to you by those who came before us. As we uphold this thankfulness celebration, may these blessings you have given us work towards fulfilling the mission of your Church, helping others serve as they use these gifts for others. May we always thank You for all the blessings of this life given freely as a sign of Your grace. **Amen.** - *Dn. Georgia Giacobbe*

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 for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an 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 our selves to your service, and by 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.

Receiving of the United Thank Offering from Congregations of the Diocese

#539 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and some melodic lines.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)

Bishop's Cross and Ascension Banner Presentation

The Bishop's Blessing

Dismissal: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!