



the
**Church of
Our Redeemer**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

November 8, 2020

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You may wish to have candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area.

Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home.

We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

Prelude

Sonatina

G. F. Handel

Welcome

Candle-lighting

Acolyte lights the candles and invites worshippers to do the same at home.

Liturgy of the Word

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

See next page

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Opening Sentences

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All **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.**

Praise Hymn *You are Salt for the Earth* Haugan
Atrium Singers - Recorded February 2013



*You Are Salt For The Earth, Oh People,
Salt For The Reign Of God!
Share The Flavor Of Life, Oh People:
Life In The City Of God!*

Refrain:
*Bring Forth the Reign of Mercy,
Bring Forth the Reign of Peace.
Bring Forth the Reign of Justice,
Bring Forth the City of God!*

Congregation & Atrium: repeat refrain

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

Collect of the Day 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.*

Please be seated.

Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7

Book of Common Prayer, p. 725

Please say the Psalm in unison with the lay reader.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Living Epistle

Mike Webb

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Gospel Hymn *Jerusalem, My Happy Home (v.1-5)*

Blue Hymnal 620

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Frank Fornaro

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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 Form VI

Book of Common Prayer, p. 392

Leader In peace, we pray to you, O God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for John, Tom, Jack, June, Harry, Darryll, Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Richie, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan. Hear us Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. Please add your own thanksgivings. We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially for Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Jim, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald, and Philip. Please add your own prayers. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

A Stewardship Prayer

Gracious God, abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. We are grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer, and service. Help us now and always to offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure freely and joyously to you, O God. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by The Rev. Bill Hibbert, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City, South Dakota

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider adds concluding collect.

Confession & Absolution

Book of Common Prayer, page 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

All **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 neighbor 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.**

Presider 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.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

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

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.
Your financial offering can be shared online at: <https://www.our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2/>

Musical Offering *Be Still (Based on Psalm 46)* H. Frombach and M. McDonald
Murray and Karen Daniels - Recorded August 2020

Blessing of the Gifts

We bless and offer to God all the gifts that have been shared.

All **All things come from you, O Lord.**
Of your own have we given you.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

All:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider 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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn *All Praise to Thee, (v.1-3)*

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Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord.

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying:

The love of God enfold you, the power of Christ protect you, the leading of the Spirit guide you, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Acolyte Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Acolyte extinguishes candles.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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