

Worship Gathering for Sunday, July 12, 2020

Welcome & Silence

9AM: Gathering Hymn: "Come, my Way"

Hymn #487

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a way as gives us breath;

Such a truth as ends all strife;

Such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a light as shows a feast;

Such a feast as mends in length;

Such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a joy as none can move;

Such a love as none can part;

Such a heart as joys in love.

8PM: Candle Lighting Hymn (Spoken)

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving God in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun and our eyes behold the vesper light,

We sing your praises, O God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Word of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

A brief silence for reflection follows.

Officiant 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

A household pours water into a bowl, saying:

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your offenses.
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you.
I will put my spirit within you, to keep you in My ways;
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36, selected verses

The Priest pronounces absolution.

9AM: Song of Praise: "You are Holy"

Once the song is familiar, Sections 1 and 2 can be sung against each other.

1
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bles - sed are you com - ing near. — Bles - sed are you com - ing here — to your
13
church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. —

2
You are ho - ly, — you are whole - ness, — you are pres - ent. — Let the
23
cos - mos praise you, — Lord! — Sing ho - san - na — in the
27
high - est! — Sing ho - san - na! — Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. Ancient Gardener, Your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil. So nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

READER A reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said,

VOICE 1

If it is to be this way, why do I live?

READER

So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

VOICE 2

Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.

READER

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game, meat from the animals Esau killed; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob,

VOICE 1

Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!

READER

Therefore he was called Edom, which means, Red. Jacob said,

VOICE 2

First sell me your birthright.

VOICE 1

I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?

VOICE 2

Swear to me first.

READER

So Esau swore to him, and sold his birthright as the oldest son to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:105-112

Rev. Miranda will teach signs to accompany the spoken refrain.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Your word is light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

Your word is light to my path.

Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

Your word is light to my path.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

Your word is light to my path.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Your word is light to my path.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 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.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Office Hymn: "Lord, make us servants of your peace"

Hymn #593

**1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.**

**2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.**

**3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.**

**4 May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.**

**5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven's light.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray, using the prayer Jesus taught us. You may unmute yourself if you choose, and you may pray using any version of this prayer that is in your heart.

**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.

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority. In this season, we pray especially for all candidates for public office, for all those working for justice and equity, and for those you now name.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities. We pray for all essential workers and healthcare workers.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died and for those who mourn.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace, Blessing & Dismissal

Sending Song: "Go Now in Peace"