

# Worship Gathering for Sunday, July 26, 2020

Welcome & Silence

9AM: Gathering Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory"

Hymn #594

**1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.**

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. 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.

First Reading: Genesis 25, 27, 29

*This reading will be on our worship slides.*

*At the conclusion of the reading, one of the Readers will say,*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

PEOPLE     **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Song of Faith: Romans 8:18-23, 31-39

READER 1

I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.  
For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the revealing of the children of God;  
for the creation was subjected to futility,  
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that the creation itself will be set free  
from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

**Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

READER 2

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;  
and not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.

**Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

READER 1

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?

**Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

READER 2

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 pleads for us.

**Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

READER 1

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.’

**Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

READER 2

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.

**Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

Office Hymn: “Seek ye first”

Hymn #711

**1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia.**

***Chorus:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.**

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 [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto: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