

Worship Gathering for Sunday, August 16, 2020

Welcome & Silence

9AM: Gathering Hymn: "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

Hymn #470

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.**

**2. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.**

**3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

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.**

Absolution Verse

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. Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you restore what is lost, heal what is wounded, and gather in those who have been rejected. Give us faith to speak as boldly and steadfastly as the Canaanite woman, that the outcast may be welcome and all people may be blessed. Amen.

Song before the Scripture

John Bell

**Listen to the word which God has spoken,
listen to the One who is close at hand,
listen to the voice which began creation,
listen even if you don't understand.**

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Visit <https://vimeo.com/stdunstansmadcity> to watch our videos of the whole Joseph story, in five chapters!

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing a Word or Phrase

Psalms 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there has God ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:1, 7, 10-11, 16-28

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, 'Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.' ... Jesus answered, "You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Office Hymn: "Now the green blade riseth"

Hymn #204

**1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**2 In the grave they laid Him, Love whom Hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

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: "God be with you till we meet again"

Clay Jones

**God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you.
God be with you till we meet again,
Daily manna still provide you.
With his sheep securely fold you,
'neath his wings, protecting, hide you;
God be with you till we meet again,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Announcements & Virtual Coffee Hour