

Worship Gathering for Sunday, August 30, 2020

Welcome & Silence

9AM: Gathering Hymn: "The God of Abraham praise"

Hymn #401

**1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**

**2 He by himself hath sworn; we on his oath depend,
We shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
We shall behold his face; we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.**

**5 The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high,
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry;
Hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.**

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. In the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people, O God, and in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. In times of misery, show us the transforming power of your love that we may know the hope of your glory. 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: Exodus 2:11-15, 23b-25; 3:1-15, 4:10-16

This reading will be offered as a dramatic reading. Text will be on the worship slides.

The reading will conclude,

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:23-38, 43

Art: An image of the plagues created recently by some kids of St. Dunstan's.

Israel came into Egypt, *

and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

You made your people exceedingly fruitful; *

you made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart you turned, so that they hated your people, *

and dealt unjustly with your servants.

You sent Moses your servant, *

and Aaron whom you had chosen.

They worked your signs among them, *

and portents in the land of Ham.

You sent darkness, and it grew dark; *

but the Egyptians rebelled against your words.

You turned their waters into blood *

and caused their fish to die.

Their land was overrun by frogs, *

in the very chambers of their rulers.

You spoke, and there came swarms of insects *

and gnats within all their borders.

You gave them hailstones instead of rain, *

and flames of fire throughout their land.

You blasted their vines and their fig trees *

and shattered every tree in their country.

You spoke, and the locust came, *

and young locusts without number,

Which ate up all the green plants in their land *

and devoured the fruit of their soil.

You struck down the firstborn of their land, *

the first-fruits of all their strength.

You led out your people with silver and gold; *

in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, *

because they were afraid of them.

So you led forth your people with gladness, *

your chosen with shouts of joy.

Invitation to Reflective Listening

Three stages:

- *Notice a word or phrase*
- *Look for connections to our lives or our world*
- *Wonder if God is calling you to be, do, or change anything, through this text*

The Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflective Listening

Office Hymn: "Will you come and follow me"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known?

Will you let my love be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go were your love and footsteps show,

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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