

All-Ages Worship for Sunday Morning, October 25, 2020

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "To be a pilgrim"

Hymn #564

**1 He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.**

**2 Who so beset her round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—her strength the more is.
No foes shall stay her might, though she with giants fight;
she will make good her right to be a pilgrim.**

**3 Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

Reader Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that God may come and rain righteousness upon us. Amen. *(Hosea 10:12)*

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.

Reader God the Creator and Source, Lord of creation,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Reader God the Incarnate Word, through whom all things were made,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Reader God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Reader Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Priest God forgives you! Forgive others. Forgive yourself. Be at peace.

**1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentations,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

*Some people like to sing
"Since Love is Lord..." This
could be a good time to try
that out, or any other way
of naming Jesus/God!*

**2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

The Collects of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. Loving God, you open your hand and scatter blessings upon all your children. Give us grateful hearts in times of plenty, and faithful hearts in times of want. Stir us with your Spirit, in this and every season of our lives, to use whatever you place in our hands to add to the world's measure of hope, wholeness, and delight. We pray all this in the name of Christ, the Giver and the Gift. **Amen.**

Holy One, you planted us by living water, that we might be rooted in righteousness. You call us to be holy as you are holy. Assured of your love, help us cast aside all fear, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.**

The Reading

Sources: Deuteronomy 1, Numbers 13, Deuteronomy 34

The Reading will be presented as a scripted drama. The text will be on the Sunday slides.

At the end of the Reading:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90

The lectionary gave us this psalm as a reflection on the end of Moses' life.

Selected verses; Psalm paraphrase from Opening to You, by Norman Fischer

Refrain:

**You rush them away like a flood,
like a long sleep, like grass.**

You have always been a refuge to me
Before the mountains, before the earth, before the world
From endlessness to endlessness
You are

You turn me around
You say
Return, child

REFRAIN

A thousand years to you are like a yesterday
Like a lonely hour in the middle of the night

You rush them away like a flood
Like a long sleep
Like grass
That rises up fresh in the morning
And in the evening withers

REFRAIN

Help me understand how to count my days
How to embrace my life
That I may nourish a heart of wisdom

Turning around:
How long, O Lord, how long!

Satisfy me in the morning with your kindness
And I will rejoice all day long

REFRAIN

Show me how
You live in me

Bless my children
Light my path with your beauty
So that all that I do will be inspired

Let all that I do
Be yours

Homily

Wilderness Bible Question

When you think about the After of our wilderness/pandemic journey... what are you worried about? What are you hopeful about?

Office Hymn: "Be not afraid"

The St. Louis Jesuits

**You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live**

**Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

**If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all**

**Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

**Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

The Prayers

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Let us pray for all those in authority, especially candidates for public office, and for those you now name.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Intercessor Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

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

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

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

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Intercessor Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those you now name.

The people may offer additional names.

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

The people may offer additional names.

Intercessor Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people. We pray for our fall Giving Campaign.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Sharing of Blessings

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Celebrant Let us speak Christ's peace to one another. ...

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Source of all goodness and growth, pour out blessing upon all things created, and upon us, beloved children, that we may use those gifts to God's glory and the welfare of all; and the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon you, now and always.
Amen.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

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