

Worship Gathering for Sunday, October 18, 2020

Welcome & Silence

9AM: Gathering Hymn: "Holy, holy, holy!"

Hymn #362

**1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

Officiant 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.

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

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

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

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

The Priest pronounces absolution.

**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 Collect 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.**

First Reading: Exodus 33: 1 - 4, 12-23, 34: 8, 9

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

After the golden calf had been destroyed, the Lord said to Moses, 'Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, "To your descendants I will give it." I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go up with you, lest I make an end to you on the way; for you are a stiff-necked people.' When the people heard these harsh words, they mourned, and no one put on their jewelry.

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, You have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight." Now if I have found favor in Your sight, show me Your ways, so that I may know You and find favor in Your sight. Consider too that this nation is Your people.'

God said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

Moses said to God, 'If Your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people, unless You go with us?'

In this way, we shall be distinct, I and Your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in My sight, and I know you by name.'

Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And God said, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I shall invoke the name of the LORD before you. And I shall grant grace to whom I shall grant grace and have compassion for whom I have compassion. But you cannot see My face; for no human can see Me and live.'

And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by Me where you shall stand on the rock. And so, when My glory passes by, I shall put you in the cleft of the crag and shield you with My palm until I have passed over. And I shall take away My palm and you will see My back, but My face will not be seen.'

And Moses bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped. He said, 'If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Wilderness Bible Question

During our wilderness journey, when, where, in whom or in what, have you seen God?

Psalm 99

God reigns; let the people tremble; *

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!

God is great in Zion *

and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; *

God is the Holy One.

"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool; *

you are the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, *

they called upon you, and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

"O Holy God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of our God and worship on God's holy hill, *

for our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7

Reader A reading from the first letter to the church in Thessalonica.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing of your choice, brothers and sisters beloved by God, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

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Sermon

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Office Hymn: "O God of earth and altar"

Hymn #591
G. K. Chesterton

**1 O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.**

**2 From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honor and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!**

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.

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

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

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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.

Officiant 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,
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Announcements & Virtual Coffee Hour

10:15 Sunday School