

Worship Gathering for Sunday, November 22, 2020

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "Soon and very soon"

LEVAS #15

**1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King!**

2. No more crying there, we are going to see the King..

3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King...

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Reader The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest God forgives you! Forgive others! Forgive yourselves! Be at peace!

9AM: Song of Praise - November

Hymnal #397, verses 1 & 2

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. Most High God, majestic and mighty, our beginning and our end:
Rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily lives, worshiping Jesus Christ who
will come again as Savior and King, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God. Amen.

First Reading: Judges 4

This reading will be presented as a script, offered by some of the kids of the congregation. Here is the Scripture text upon which the script is based.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

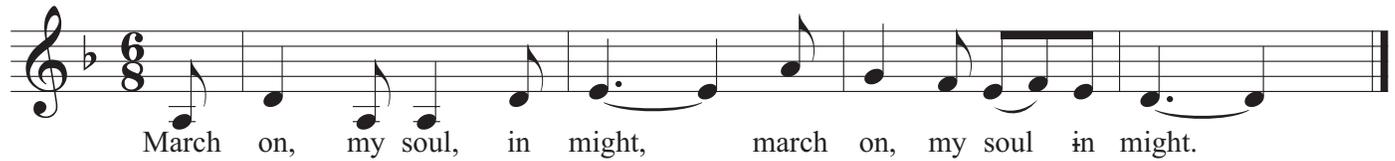
Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the other Kenites, that is, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had encamped as far away as Elon-bezaananim, which is near Kedesh. When Sisera was told that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, Sisera called out all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the troops who were with him, from Harosheth-ha-goiim to the Wadi Kishon. Then Deborah said to Barak, 'Up! For this is the day on which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. The Lord is indeed going out before you.' So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand warriors following him. And the Lord threw Sisera and all his chariots and all his army into a panic before Barak; Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot, while Barak pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-ha-goiim. All the army of Sisera fell by the sword; no one was left.

Now Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between King Jabin of Hazor and the clan of Heber the Kenite. Jael came out to meet Sisera, and said to him, 'Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; have no fear.' So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. Then he said to her, 'Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty.' So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. He said to her, 'Stand at the entrance of the tent, and if anybody comes and asks you, "Is anyone here?" say, "No."' But Jael wife of Heber took a tent-peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, until it went down into the ground—he was lying fast asleep from weariness—and he died. Then, as Barak came in pursuit of Sisera, Jael went out to meet him, and said to him, 'Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking.' So he went into her tent; and there was Sisera lying dead, with the tent-peg in his temple. So on that day God subdued King Jabin of Canaan before the Israelites. Then the hand of the Israelites bore harder and harder on King Jabin of Canaan, until they destroyed King Jabin of Canaan.

The scripted reading will conclude as follows:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



Refrain (from Judges 5):

March on, my soul, in might!

March on, my soul, in might!

FIRST READER

Come, let us sing to the Holy One,
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving,
And raise a loud shout with psalms.

March on, my soul, in might!

March on, my soul, in might!

SECOND READER

For you, O God, are a great God;
And a great King above all gods.
In your hands are the caverns of the earth,
And the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it,
And your hand has molded the dry land.

March on, my soul, in might!

March on, my soul, in might!

THIRD READER

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
And kneel before God, our Maker.
For you are our God,
And we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

March on, my soul, in might!

March on, my soul, in might!

The Second Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

READER

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him,

PEOPLE

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?

READER

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer,

PEOPLE

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?

READER

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Philosophy Walker

Office Hymn: "The King of Glory comes"

REFRAIN:

**The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices,
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

**1. Who is this king of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain***

**4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself the sins of all nations. *Refrain***

**5. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision. *Refrain***

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.*

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.

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. 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.

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.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Sharing of Blessings

Blessing of the Pledges

Priest

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.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. 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

<https://youtu.be/vxhfiDajLqw>

**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