

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "God is Love!"

Hymn #379

**1. God is Love; let Heaven adore him;  
God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.**

**2 God is Love: and love enfolds us,  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp God holds us,  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then we find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.**

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, Ruler 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.**

*Priest*

God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2. **Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things;  
I too shall praise God with a new song!**
  
5. **Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band, loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things;  
I too shall praise God with a new song!**

The Collects of the Day

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Priest*           Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Job 38, selected verses

*Reader*       A reading from the book of Job.

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

    I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

    Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

    Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

    or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

    and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Or who shut in the sea with doors

    when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment,

    and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

    and set bars and doors,

and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

    and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

Where is the way to the dwelling of light,

    and where is the place of darkness,

that you may take it to its territory

    and that you may discern the paths to its home?

Surely you know, for you were born then,

    and the number of your days is great!

Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,

or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,  
which I have reserved for the time of trouble,  
for the day of battle and war?  
What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,  
or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?  
'Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain,  
and a way for the thunderbolt,  
to bring rain on a land where no one lives,  
on the desert, which is empty of human life,  
to satisfy the waste and desolate land,  
and to make the ground put forth grass?  
'Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades,  
or loose the cords of Orion?  
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, "Here we are"?'  
Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?  
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?'  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Job 38:39 - 39:8

Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
**when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?**  
Who provides for the raven its prey when its young ones cry to God,  
**and wander about for lack of food?**  
Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
**Do you observe the calving of the deer?**  
Can you number the months that they fulfil,  
**and do you know the time when they give birth,**  
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,  
**and are delivered of their young?**  
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;  
**they go forth, and do not return to them.**  
Who has let the wild donkey go free?  
**Who has loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,**  
to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
**the salt land for its dwelling-place?**  
It scorns the tumult of the city;  
**it does not hear the shouts of the driver.**  
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
**and it searches after every green thing.**

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

*Reader*    A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

## 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](mailto: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. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

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.

*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.  
*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.*
- Priest* Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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!**

### The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* Holy God, your mercy is over all your works,  
and in the web of life each creature has its role and place.  
We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, tide and topsoil.  
Give us humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones,  
And share the bounty of creation with all our neighbors.  
And may the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon us, now and always.  
**Amen.**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Song: "Lord of the Dance"

Ronan Hardiman

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**CHORUS: Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he**

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John  
They came with me and the Dance went on. CHORUS**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a Cross to die.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. CHORUS**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. CHORUS**