

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 14, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: The Canticle of the Turning

*A paraphrase of the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55, by Rory Cooney*

**Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring,  
Let the fires of your justice burn!  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
and the world is about to turn!**

**1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You set your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be a-bout to turn?**

**3. From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.**

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.**

## 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.**

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

## The Collects of the Day

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest*           Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

## The First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

*Reader* A reading from the first book of the prophet Samuel.

Now there was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the highlands of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah. He was from the tribe of Ephraim, and he was the son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph. Elkanah had two wives, one named Hannah and the other named Peninnah.

Peninnah had children, but Hannah didn't. Every year this man would leave his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of heavenly forces in Shiloh, where Eli's two sons Hophni and Phinehas were the Lord's priests. Whenever he sacrificed, Elkanah would give parts of the sacrifice to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But he would give a double portion to Hannah, for he loved her, though the Lord had kept her from conceiving.

And because the Lord had kept Hannah from conceiving, her rival would make fun of her mercilessly, just to bother her. So that is what took place year after year. Whenever Hannah went to the Lord's house, Peninnah would make fun of her. Then she would cry and wouldn't eat anything.

*Elkanah*

Hannah, why are you crying? Why won't you eat? Why are you so sad? Aren't I worth more to you than ten sons?

*Reader*

One time, after eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah got up and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting in the chair by the doorpost of the Lord's temple. Hannah was very upset and couldn't stop crying as she prayed to the Lord. Then she made this promise.

*Hannah*

Lord of heavenly forces, just look at your servant's pain and remember me! Don't forget your servant! Give her a boy! Then I'll give him to the Lord for his entire life. No razor will ever touch his head.

*Reader*

As she kept praying before the Lord, Eli watched her mouth. Now Hannah was praying in her heart; her lips were moving, but her voice was silent, so Eli thought she was drunk.

*Eli*

How long will you act like a drunk? Sober up!

*Hannah*

No sir! I am a woman deeply troubled. I haven't had any wine or beer, but have been pouring out my heart to the Lord. Don't think your servant is some good-for-nothing woman. This whole time I've been praying out of my great worry and trouble!

*Eli*

Then go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you've asked from him.

*Hannah*

Please think well of me, your servant.

*Reader*

Then Hannah went on her way, ate some food, and wasn't sad any longer.

They got up early the next morning and worshipped the Lord. Then they went back home to Ramah. And in the course of time, Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which means "I asked the Lord for him."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: The Prayer of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-8)

My heart rejoices in the Lord, my strength rises up in the Lord!

**My mouth mocks my enemies because I rejoice in your deliverance.**

No one is holy like the Lord— no, no one except you!

**There is no rock like our God!**

Don't go on and on, talking so proudly, spouting arrogance from your mouth,

**because the Lord is the God who knows, and God weighs every act.**

The bows of mighty warriors are shattered,

**but those who were stumbling now dress themselves in power!**

Those who were filled full now sell themselves for bread,

**but the ones who were starving are now fat from food!**

The Holy One! God brings death, gives life,

**takes down to the grave, and raises up!**

The Holy One! God makes poor, gives wealth,  
**brings low, but also lifts up high!**  
God raises the poor from the dust,  
**lifts up the needy from the garbage pile.**  
God seats them with lords and princes,  
**gives them the seat of honor!**  
The pillars of the earth belong to the Lord;  
**upon them God has set the world.**

The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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Sermon

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 [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.

- Officiant* 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!**

## Announcements

### 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 Anthem: "In the sweet by and by"

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