

Zoom Worship for Sunday, September 25, 2022

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "Be thou my vision"

Hymn #488

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me, save that thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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)

I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

A brief silence for reflection follows.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; come let us adore God.

Song of Praise

Once the song is familiar, Sections 1 and 2 can be sung against each other.

1
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bles - sed are you com - ing near. — Bles - sed are you com - ing here — to your
13 church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. —
2
You are ho - ly, — you are whole - ness, — you are pres - ent. — Let the
23 cos - mos praise you, — Lord! — Sing ho - san - na — in the
27 high - est! — Sing ho - san - na! — Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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Song of Faith: Psalm 91:1-4,

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, *

abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

They shall say to God, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *

my God in whom I put my trust."

For God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *

and from the deadly pestilence.

God's pinions shall cover you, and under God's wings you shall seek refuge; *

God's faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

"Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver you; *

I will protect you, because you know my Name.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you; *

I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you honor.

With long life will I satisfy you *

and show you my salvation."

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A Story: Jeremiah Buys a Field - Jeremiah chapter 32

Canticle: A Song of God's Future

(Isaiah 25:6-9)

On this mountain our God will destroy

the shroud that is cast over all peoples and nations;

God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Holy One will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and will take away the disgrace of all peoples of the earth.

And on that day we will say, Lo! This is our God;

we have waited for you, O God, so that you might save us.

This is the Holy One for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Gospel Introduction

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (paraphrased)

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told this story: Once there was a rich man. He was so rich that he wore fine linen and purple cloth, which was very expensive. He ate lots of expensive food every day, all he wanted.

At the gate to his house there lay a poor man named Lazarus.

Lazarus had a skin disease - he was covered with sores; dogs would come and lick them. He was so poor and so hungry; he would have been glad to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

The poor man died, and was carried away by angels, to a place of beautiful valleys, with Abraham, the great great grandfather of God's people.

The rich man also died, and was buried. He went to Hades, to a place of darkness and fire.

And while he was there, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus nearby. He called out: "Father Abraham! Have mercy on me! Please send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

But Abraham answered: "Child, remember that during your lifetime you had your good things... while Lazarus had only bad things. Now he is comforted, here - and you are in agony. Even if he wants to help you, he cannot - because there is a great chasm between the place where we are, and the place where you are. He cannot cross to you, and you cannot cross to him."

Then the rich man said, "Then please, Father Abraham, at least send Lazarus to the land of the living, to visit my father's house - for I have five brothers. He can warn them to live more kindly and generously, so that they will not suffer as I do, when they die!"

Abraham said, "They have the words of Moses and the prophets, to tell them how to live; they should listen to them."

The rich man said, "No, Father Abraham - but if someone rose from the dead to go tell them, then they will repent and change their hearts."

And Abraham said, "If they don't listen to the words of Moses and the prophets, then I don't think they'll listen even if somebody rises from the dead."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

Officiant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

Let us pray. God Eternal, you inspired Jeremiah to buy a piece of land when no one could see a future for it. Grant us such commitment to the future of your people and your world, that you will always have ready workers for your vineyard and harvesters for your fields. **Amen.**

The Officiant may read one of the following Collects as well:

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sharing of Blessings

Officiant Does anyone have any blessings or celebrations to share with the assembly today?

The 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. ...

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!**