

❖ Zoom Worship for Sunday, October 29, 2023 ❖  
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: “She who would valiant be”

**Blue Hymnal #564**

*This hymn is about being courageous in following God. To be a pilgrim means to be someone who is on a holy journey, wherever it may lead. The hymn was written with all male pronouns, but some of us like to sing the first verse with female pronouns, to help more people find themselves in the song. You could try singing it with “they” pronouns too, or others. Rev. Miranda welcomes your thoughts about how to make this text even more gender-inclusive, because all kinds of people can follow God boldly!*

**1 She who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,  
let her in constancy follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement shall make her once relent  
Her first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.**

**2 Who so beset him round with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound—his strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight;  
he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.**

**3 Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,  
we know we at the end shall life inherit.  
Then, fancies, flee away! I'll fear not what folk say,  
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.!**

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*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,  
and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have  
done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us,**

**through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.  
Amen.**

*Officiant* May God forgive us; may we forgive one another and ourselves, and be at peace.  
For Christ brings reconciliation to all the human race, and the whole of creation.  
**Amen.**

*(Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book - Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)*

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.**

Song of Faith: Psalm 90:1-6, 10 - 12

O God, you have been our refuge \*

**from one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*

**from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

**“Go back, O child of earth.”**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*

**and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; \*

**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \*

**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,**

**for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

Who regards the power of your wrath; \*

**who rightly fears your indignation?**

So teach us to number our days \*

**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

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

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let

you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Drama: Midrash on the Death of Moses

*This text will be on our slides.*

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.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

*Reader*        A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

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Homily

*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 [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.  
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- Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.  
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- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for the communities where we live.  
*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. Merciful God, your son Jesus has taught us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors. **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.**

## Sharing of Blessings

*Officiant* Does anyone have any particular joys, blessings or gratitudes to share with the assembly today?

*When all have been shared:*

## The Peace

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you!**

*We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.*

## Announcements

### The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* The Holy One bless you and keep you;  
The Living One shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Almighty and Merciful One lift up the divine Countenance towards you and give you peace, now and always. **Amen.**  
**Amen.**

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

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