

Zoom Worship for Sunday, October 13, 2024

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "Jesus, lover of my soul"

Hymnal 1982 #699

**1. Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.**

**2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.**

**3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.**

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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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 Faith: Psalm 22: 1-6

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *

and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *

by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, *

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; *

they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; *

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *

scorned by all and despised by the people.

Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God;

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

Scripture Drama: Job's Friends

READER

Now when Job's friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him - how he had lost his home, his children, and his health - each of them set out to come visit him. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great. Then at last Job spoke.

JOB

I curse the day I was born, and the night I was conceived!

Let that day be darkness! Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.

If I had never been born, I would be at peace now... but instead I have no peace.

ELIPHAZ

If I may venture a word?...

Consider, friend, whether innocent people ever die?

From what I've seen, it's only those who sow iniquity who harvest trouble.

Those are the kinds of people on whom God breathes out God's anger.

If it were me in this situation, I would seek out God.

God's deeds are great and mysterious!

How happy is the person whom God punishes for their sins!

Therefore do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

God may strike you, but God will also heal you.

JOB

You're showing judgment towards a friend instead of kindness -

is that what God wants from you?

My so-called "friend" is as treacherous as a spring stream
that dries up and disappears in the summer heat!

I think you see my tragedy and it makes you afraid!

You're desperate to convince yourself that this couldn't happen to you.

If you think I brought this on myself, then teach me -

help me understand where I have gone wrong!

What have I done to deserve this misery?

The nights are endless; I toss and turn until dawn; my very skin is rotting away...

If my vexation and calamity could be weighed on a scale,
they would be heavier than all the sand in the ocean!

BILDAD

How long will you say such things, Job? Does God pervert justice? Can the Almighty be unfair?

Your children must have sinned, and God has punished them - and you.

Just come to God and ask forgiveness!

If you are really pure and upright as you say, then God will fix everything for you.

God would never reject someone who is blameless.

JOB

I will not restrain my mouth! I will speak out the anguish of my spirit.

I hate my life. Leave me alone, you false friend!

God overturns mountains, shakes the earth on its foundations;

God commands the sun to rise and set;

God stretched out the heavens and tramples the waves of the sea.

When God snatches something away, who can stop God, or say, "What are you doing?"

How can I plead my case with God or convince God that I am innocent?

I do not believe that God will listen to my voice.

Who can call God to appear in court and argue this out?

I'm like someone going to trial, where my accuser is also the judge!

If only God would lift this burden of suffering and dread, then I would speak to God without fear - for I know I
am not a sinner who deserves this agony!

ZOPHAR

Should so many blasphemous words go unanswered??

Your senseless babble will not silence me.

You should be ashamed, to mock the Almighty One!

For you say, "My conduct is pure, and I am clean in God's sight."

But I'm sure God has some secrets God could tell about you!
I'm sure your suffering is less than your guilt really deserves.
God knows who is worthy and who is worthless.
When God sees sin, of course God must punish!
If you turn your heart and hands towards God, and put sin far from you,
then you'll be safe and without fear.
You'll be able to forget all your misery,
and your life will be bright as noonday!
Make peace with God, Job! Stop arguing and fighting!
If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored!
Then all your plans will come to pass, and light will shine on your path,
for God saves the humble.

JOB

Make peace with God? First I'd have to find God.
If only I knew where God lives - I'd show up at God's doorstep.
I'd lay out my case, fill my mouth with arguments -
And then God would listen to me, and give me an answer.
But I can't find God's house. I can't find God at all.
If I go forward, God isn't there; backwards, I can't see God.
On the left, on the right, God hides from me.
Yet I know that God knows me.
I have not strayed from God's commands.
I treasure God's words in my heart.
If God is testing me, I will come through as pure as gold.

ELIPHAZ

For someone who thinks yourself wise, you sure are full of wind!
When you talk like this, you attack the righteous fear of God.
Your sinfulness is overflowing out of your mouth! Your own words condemn you!
You think you know more than we do about God? No human being can be clean and righteous before God.
Even God's holy ones are imperfect - and then there's someone like you, abominable and corrupt, drinking
sinfulness like water!

JOB

Look, I'm not stupid! I understand the nature of things as well as you do!
I am a just and blameless man, and your words mock my suffering!
Those who have it easy always have contempt the suffering.
You are worthless doctors, with no skill to help or heal.
All your pious sayings are proverbs of ashes.

BILDAD

You know, it sounds to me like maybe you just don't have enough faith.
You'd better watch out; you know what happens to people who don't know God!
They are thrust from light into darkness, and driven out of the world; their memory perishes like dust...

JOB

You've reproached me ten times already; aren't you ashamed to keep it up?
God has already made me suffer; why do you pile on more?
Listen: You say I don't know God.
Write this down with an iron pen, engrave it on a rock: I KNOW that my Redeemer lives.
One day I'll come face to face with God. I will see God with my own eyes... not a stranger's.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17 - 27

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the 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. In this election season, we pray especially for all candidates for public office, and for ordinary people doing what they can to shape our common life towards justice, mercy, and peace.
- 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. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

A Collect for Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. **Amen.**

A Collect for Joy in Creation

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of the One through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **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

O God, our Creator and Sustainer, in whom 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.**

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Officiant Does anyone have a birthday or anniversary this month?

The Passing of the Peace

Officiant 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!**

Officiant Let us speak Christ's peace to one another. ...

Announcements

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

Officiant

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, lichen and whale; we honor you for whirlwind and lava, tide and topsoil, cliff and marsh.

Give us hearts and minds eager to care for your planet,
humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones,
justice to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants,
and love not limited by our ignorance.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, who unifies what is far off and what is near,

and in whom, by grace and the working of your Holy Spirit, all things hold together.

And may God the Holy and Undivided Trinity bless us and keep us, this day and forever more.

Amen.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**