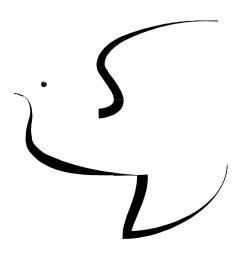


The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020

9:30 a.m. Worship via Conference Call



The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4: 5-7

Service of Ante-communion: The Word of God

Welcome

Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing by Robert Robinson

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it mount of Thy redeeming love.

Acclamation, Collect for Purity and Kyrie (BCP, 355-56)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Amen.

Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy*. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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 forever. *Amen*.

- O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
- Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
- When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
- you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
- It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

 This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me (King James Version)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; * he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; *
 he leadeth me in
 the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; * thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

[People: Glory to you Lord Christ.]

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,

where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

[People: Praise to you Lord Christ.]

Homily

The Rev. Allan Miles

The Nicene Creed

(BCP, 358)

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer that calls me from a world of care.

And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare by Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Prayers of the People (Form IV from BCP, 388) *The Deacon invites all to prayer. The Intercessor then begins*

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land and of all nations in the ways of
justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the
common good. We pray especially for
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,
especially; give them courage and hope in their
troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone, and give us grace to live as people forgiven and renewed. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially ______; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(Although we are not gathered in person, let us thank God for the opportunity to gather in a new way for worship. Let us take this moment to extend Christ's peace from our hearts to one another).

Announcements, birthdays & anniversaries

Birthday: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as he/she/they begin(s) another year. Grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving for Offerings

The congregation gives thanks for God's blessings by singing the Doxology below.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Life is short,
and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those
who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
And may the Divine Mystery
who is beyond our ability to know
but who made us and who loves us
and who travels with us,
bless us and keep us in peace. *Amen*.

Hymn Here I Am, Lord

by Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus
Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Blessings to all in the week to come.