



Celtic Evensong and Communion

Pentecost 21 (Proper 24)

17 October 2021 4:00 pm

We are so happy you are here.

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

Please remember to silence all devices

The Opening Rite

Musical Meditation

Sursum Corda

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Meditation

When it seemed there was no hope
I have seen your light in the eyes of a child.
When it seemed there was no joy
I have heard your delight in the voice of a friend.
When it seemed that light was stale
I have smelled the freshness of sunlight on my skin.
When all seemed emptiness
I have touched your presence in the hand of a stranger.
When the future seemed barren
I have tasted life's moisture on the lips of another.
Thanks be to you, O God,
For your embodied love.
Open my senses to your presence
That I may love you and care for you in all things.
John Newell from Celtic Benediction

The Invitatory and Psalm

Officiant In the beginning, God created, and it was good.
People **In the beginning was the Word.**

Psalm 104:1-9

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
 O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
 and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
 you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

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- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

The First Reading

Job 38:1-7

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

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

People Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

Planxty Burke

The Second Reading

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us,

People Thanks be to God.

Music for Meditation

Lord Inchiquin

Evening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader Let us turn our awareness to the Presence of the Divine that is always with us and always within us.
Silence.

Leader Let us bring before God all of those people and situations that are in any kind of need.
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us bring before God the poor, the forgotten, and those who are marginalized, as we renew our commitment to the lonely and the unloved.
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us ask God to use our prayerful intentions for the benefit of all who are in this room with us now, people we know and love, as well as people who are strangers to us. May we be blessings to one another.
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us call to mind our reasons to be thankful, as we remember our abundance and the lifegiving way of gratitude.
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Leader May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breath fresh life into us, and make us instruments of peace, justice and compassion. **Amen.**

Leader Jesus says, “Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest.” So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness.

Music during Prayers

Si Bheag Si Mhor

Hymn during the Prayers

As a fire is meant for burning

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God’s delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

Words: Ruth Duck
Music: Beach Spring

The Grace O Holy One, we keep still; we listen. We hear you say, "I am your strength."
And we say to you, "You are our redeemer." **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness.

Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

All **"This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."**

Celebrant So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

All **"This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me."**

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And as we share this holy food, may that same Spirit nourish, cherish and change us until through the mystery of your grace, we know ourselves to be flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, and resolve to love and follow Christ for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Communion

The Priest will come and give you communion in your pew.

Concluding Prayer

Watch now, O Christ, with those who are weary or wandering or weeping this night.

Guide them to a house of your peace and lead me to be caring for their tears. Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

All Thanks be to God.

Concluding Musical Meditation

Leslie's March

***Please leave immediately and quietly at the end of the service
as we wish to continue to contemplate the sacred mysteries we have received.
We continue to practice social distancing while entering and leaving the space.***

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Debbie Phillips

Ryan Patten, Debbie Phillips, Eric Wagner

Paul Massari

Marianne Cannon

Paul Massari

Officiant

Musicians

Assisting

Reflection

Usher

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Parish Prayer List

Mel Tossel, Corey MacNeil, Cliff Cutler, Helen Phillips, John Gourley, Martin Ryan, Kristin Gourley, Scott Tucker, Zan Duffy, Dianne, Linda Whalen, Kim Colvin, Sarah Colvin Duffy, Michael Towey, Jesse Kamp, Stacia, Bob Peterson, Brian Peterson, Robert Squillaro, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the people of Palestine, Afghanistan, and Haiti, and the Salem Public Schools. For an end to racism, gun violence and oppression. If you have prayer requests, please email regathering@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Antiracism News

The Anti-racism team has been meeting regularly to build relationships amongst ourselves and to develop programs for the parish.

In our conversations lately, we began talking about our Christmas traditions and understandings. Brian shared an experience that a colleague had told him about her childhood understanding of the Nativity scene. We really wanted others to hear this too.

In November, we will host a few cottage gatherings so that you too may hear Mashuda's story. We also want to consider our own early images of the Nativity scene and how this has impacted our adult considerations of the Holy Family and of the Christmas event. We are hoping that sharing various "creche" scenes from of our past may make our current understanding more inclusive. We will be sending out a survey to discover when the best times would be for these gatherings. Please let us know when the survey drops into your email what works for you..

Virtual Services in October

The number of visitors in Salem has dramatically reduced our capacity for parking and even walking to church. Many of those visiting Salem are coming from parts of the country with different expectations of what can and cannot be done during a pandemic in church. It could be challenging to enforce our protocols, which would distract us from the worship experience, especially for our ushers. Therefore, on Sunday, October 24th and October 31st, the services will be live streamed on Zoom and Facebook Live. We will return to our Evensong only format for these two Sundays, as we will not be physically present for communion. We will return to services held in the church and streamed on Facebook on All Saints Sunday, 7 November. Please stay safe this month.

Every Perfect Gift

Our 2021 Stewardship Theme

Last summer, I ran out of gas at a gas station. The car stopped moving a few yards from the pump. To my great relief, another customer came over and offered to push my car to the pump. Before this kind, young person drove away, I shouted “Wait!” and hurried toward him. He shook his head from side to side. “I don’t want anything for helping you,” he declared. “Not even homemade chocolate chip cookies?” I countered. He laughed, took the bag of cookies, and thanked me. When we share the gift of being human beings together, especially in difficult moments, we slip into an awareness of abundance. We feel full. We know goodness given and received. Travels continue. Cookies and laughter are enjoyed. Every good gift comes from God, and in sharing our gifts we become even more gifted, whether or not we are recognized or rewarded for sharing. Sometimes we step up to help from a desire for recognition. We offer our gifts, like James and John in today’s Gospel text, out of loyalty to Jesus and a desire to be useful. Our egos may be attached in healthy, or unhealthy, ways. Sometimes we share a gift without expectations. We give without needing recognition. We push a car for a stranger and get a tired priest, her daughter and two dogs back on the road to Vacationland. Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger’s car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition, yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit — a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way.

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