

Order of Service: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Prelude *We Will Glorify*

Twila Paris arr. Jack Schrader
Dr. Gukhui Han, piano

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn *All my hope on God is founded*

Michael

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading *Amos 5:18-24 (people muted)*

A reading from the Book of Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

Nancy Raabe

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Be pleased, O God, to de - liv - er me; O

LORD, make haste to help me.

Be pleased O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

RERAIN

Let those who say to me, "Aha!" and gloat over me, turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
Let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

RERAIN

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;

RERAIN

A Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (people muted)*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Teach me Thy way, O Lord*

William Fox arr. Anthony Greening

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth;
O knit my heart unto Thee that I may fear Thy name.
I will thank Thee O Lord my God with all my heart and will praise Thy Name,
And will praise Thy name for evermore. Amen.

The Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13 (people muted)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *(people muted)*

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

Silence follows the sermon.

Music *Siciliano from Sonata No.2 in E flat major*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Jeffrey Harley, Flute & Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

Affirmation of Faith: Baptismal Covenant

(Please unmute your device to offer your responses.)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Anthem *You Raise Me Up*

Rolf Lovland & Brendan Graham, arr. Teena Chinn

When I am down and oh, my soul, so weary,
When troubles come and my heart burdened be,
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until you come and sit a while with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders.
You raise me to more than I can be.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Gracious God, you call us into the community of the church, as your early followers came “together and had all things in common” so may your church today be faithful to our Baptismal promises and become the beloved community that is your dream.

You declare, “Behold I make all things new.” **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Life-giving God, You directed your followers to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Inspire us to live into our vocation as Christians using our voices and votes to ensure that those whom we elect and those who serve in government are motivated to create abundance for all people and Your creation.

You declare, “Behold I make all things new.” **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Creator God, You gave humankind the responsibility to care for all creation. In the midst of these trying times, apocalyptic visions feel all too real as we witness fire and flood; sickness and suffering; discord, division, and death; protest, prejudice, and pandemic; systemic injustice and structural sin. Fill us with courage and creativity to repair our world.

You declare, “Behold I make all things new.” **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Merciful God, look with compassion on our city of Long Beach and our County of Los Angeles. Give us courage and commitment to be beacons of light as we offer our time and talent to the weaving together of our community so that all people live with dignity. Help us to follow your way of love as we “pursue social and spiritual transformation.”

You declare, “Behold I make all things new.” **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Loving God, You command your followers to “Love one another as you love us.” Open our eyes, hearts, and lives to all those who are in any need or trouble. Hear now the names of those for whom we pray:

Please offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.

You declare, “Behold I make all things new.” **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Holy God, You promise to “make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines... and to swallow up death forever.” We remember all those who have died of the Corona Virus, due to acts of violence, as a result of loneliness or neglect. We ask your blessing upon our loved ones who have died remembering especially....

Please offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.

You declare, “Behold I make all things new.” **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Concluding Collect

“God of our weary years, God of our silent tears” give us the fortitude to make “good trouble” as we partner with You to “create a new heaven and a new earth.” Hear our sorrows and struggles as well as hopes and dreams as we join You in building Your beloved community. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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 on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitation to Pledge

Pledge Commitment Video

Blessing of Pledges and Pledgers

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

In times of loss, suffering, anxiety, and fear, Christians gather in our churches to be comforted, inspired, and healed. We come together to be fed at the Lord's Table, and as we receive the Body of Christ, we pray that we might "become what we receive." No matter what distracts, disrupts, depresses, or divides us, the bread and wine of Holy Communion unite us in the Body of Christ. Having been separated from the sacraments, our sacred space, and one another for more than 7 months, we hunger and thirst for each other, for peace, for the Body of Christ. And so, in sorrow and solidarity, we join together in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

(Please unmute yourself to pray together.)

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.

(St. Augustine of Hippo)

Anthem *Make Me Pure, O Sacred Spirit*

Georg Philipp Telemann
Harlee Balajadia, Soloist

Make me pure, O sacred Spirit, touch my heart, my voice restore.
Break, O godly Guest, my silence, help my speaking, help my witness,
Till this voice can speak no more
Make me pure, O sacred Spirit, touch my heart, my voice restore.

Lord's Prayer (*people unmuted*)

**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 of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Remember, my friends that “Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.” And may the blessing of our loving, life-giving God, who created us, who lived as one of us, and who abides within and among us be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Source: Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Announcements

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude *Amen*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jack Schrader
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano