

A Service of Praise and Prayer for Sunday, November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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NIAGARA

PRELUDE: Fantasia in G Major, T. Price

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GATHERING

Bishop: O Lord open our lips!

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Bishop: Lead your people to freedom, O God,

All: And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

THE COLLECT

Bishop: God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We sing together... Come and Journey with a Saviour (Common Worship #482)

1. Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain
Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.
2. Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin. *Refrain*
3. Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain*
4. Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. *Refrain*
5. Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. *Refrain*
6. Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain*

CALLED to LIFE
COMPELLED to LOVE

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

One: On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,
All: Thanks be to God.

A short silence meditating on the reading is kept.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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One: As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing together... Teach Me, My God and King (Common Praise #496)

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| 1. Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee. | 3. A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine:
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine. |
| 2. All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean,
which with this tincture, "for thy sake,"
will not grow bright and clean. | 4. This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told. |

THE HOMILY: Bishop Susan Bell

Music is played during a time of reflection.

INTERCESSIONS

One: Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
we make our prayer to you, saying, Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Blessed are you holy God, you have called us to be your Church.
We pray for your Church throughout the world,
that with our siblings in Christ we may be given the courage to live your Gospel message.
We pray for our diocese, giving thanks for the ministry of Bishop Susan
and asking you to pour out your Spirit upon her
and all our clergy, lay leaders and congregations,
that working together we may be witnesses to, and workers for, your Kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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One: God of the lost, we pray for those who wander
and especially for refugees driven from home by war or persecution,
and who are trapped or imprisoned in camps and bureaucratic limbo.
We pray for protection in their vulnerability
and for comfort as they mourn their loss and fear what the future holds.
Give to the nations of the world an outpouring of compassion,
and prepare us to welcome them to new homes,
and share with them in new lives.

Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

One: God of love, your Son Jesus is the prince of peace,
and we pray for all places where there is conflict:
in our communities and between the nations of the world.
Guide and direct us in the ways of peace,
give our leaders wisdom, understanding,
and a deep hunger for peace and mutual wellbeing.
Safeguard the peacekeepers,
and those who enter conflict for the sake of peace and justice.

Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

One: God, your Son Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Comfort all who grieve at this time.
We pray for those who have died alone;
may they all be received into your arms of everlasting peace,
and may we all find comfort in the promise of your Resurrection.

Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

One: God who heals, who comforts and who restores,
bring to all those who are sick
the certain knowledge and comfort of your presence.
Relieve their pain, rest their bodies,
protect their minds from despair and strengthen their spirits,
that they may be led to wholeness in you.

I invite you in a moment of silence to name before God
those known to you in need at this time...

(silence is kept)

Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

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One: God who feeds us, in body and soul,
we thank you for all who nourish our spirits,
with prayer and poetry, with art and music,
with story and image, with dance and drama.
May we see through these things, the beauty and movement of your presence,
and may those who mirror your creativity, be inspired and guided by your Spirit

Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

One: God of abundance, we thank you for your generosity toward us,
for the beauty of creation and the fruit of the soil.
We pray for farmers and all who work the land,
the chains of supply and sale, to supply us with food and sustenance.
May we treasure your earth, live thankfully for what we receive,
and change our lives to live in holy and sustainable ways,
walking lightly upon your earth.

Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer

Bishop: Trusting in the compassion of God, and in the language and version of our choice,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All:	Our Father, who art in heaven,	Our Father in heaven,
	hallowed be thy name;	hallowed be your name,
	thy kingdom come;	your kingdom come,
	thy will be done;	your will be done,
	on earth as it is in heaven.	on earth as in heaven.
	Give us this day our daily bread.	Give us today our daily bread.
	And forgive us our trespasses,	Forgive us our sins
	as we forgive those	as we forgive those who sin against us.
	who trespass against us.	Save us from the time of trial,
	And lead us not into temptation;	and deliver us from evil.
	but deliver us from evil.	For the kingdom, the power,
	For thine is the kingdom,	and the glory are yours,
	the power and the glory,	now and for ever. Amen.
	for ever and ever. Amen.	

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

One: On this remembrance Sunday,
let us keep silence to remember those who have died
both in conflict long past and the conflicts of our world today.

silence is kept

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ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

One: They shall not grow old
as we that are left, grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

We Sing Together... In the Cross of Christ I Glory (Common Praise #537)

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Closing remarks and announcements.

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE: Shine, Jesus, Shine, Trad