

Wednesday, January 20, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic *Homilist:* Tim Dobbin;
Cantors: Sarah McPherson and Jeremy Ludwig; *Organ:* Michael Bloss.

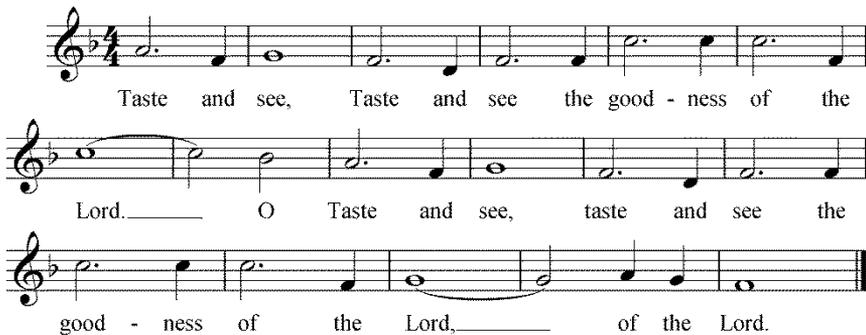
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

Words of Welcome

Sentence – The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel
Mark 1: 15.

Gathering Music – Taste and See

(you are invited to join the refrain while the cantors sing the verses)



Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O Taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

God of blazing light,
through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness
and set us free to live as your children.
Give us courage and conviction,
so that we may joyfully turn and follow you,
led by the light that shines
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

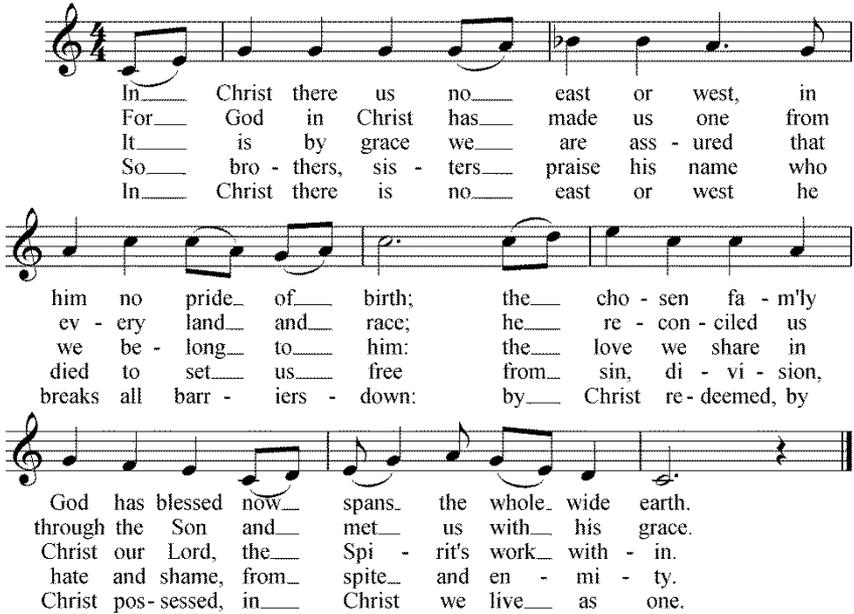
All

A - - - - - men.

Hymn – In Christ there is no East or West

TEXT: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

MUSIC: African-American spiritual, 1875 adapt.1939 Burleigh. MCKEE



In Christ there is no east or west, in
For God in Christ has made us one from
It is by grace we are assured that
So brothers, sisters praise his name who
In Christ there is no east or west he

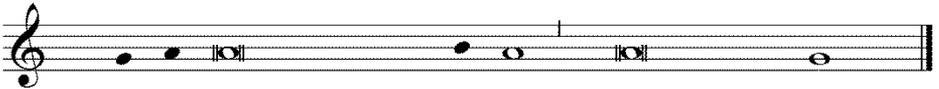
him no pride of birth; the cho - sen fa - m'ly
ev - ery land and race; he re - con - ciled us
we be - long to him: the love we share in
died to set us free from sin, di - vi - sion,
breaks all barr - iers - down: by Christ re - deemed, by

God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.
through the Son and met us with his grace.
Christ our Lord, the Spi - rit's work with - in.
hate and shame, from spite and en - mi - ty.
Christ pos - sessed, in Christ we live as one.

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.

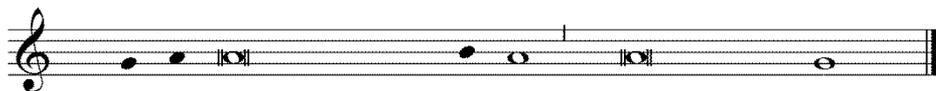
Psalm 119: 25-48

Part 4 – *Adhesit pavimento*



My soul cleaves **to** the dust;*
give me life according to your **word**.

I have confessed my ways, and you **ans**-wered me;*
instruct me in your **statutes**.



Make me understand the way of your **com-mand-ments**,*
that I may meditate on your marvellous **works**.

My soul melts away for **sor-row**;*
strengthen me according to your **word**.

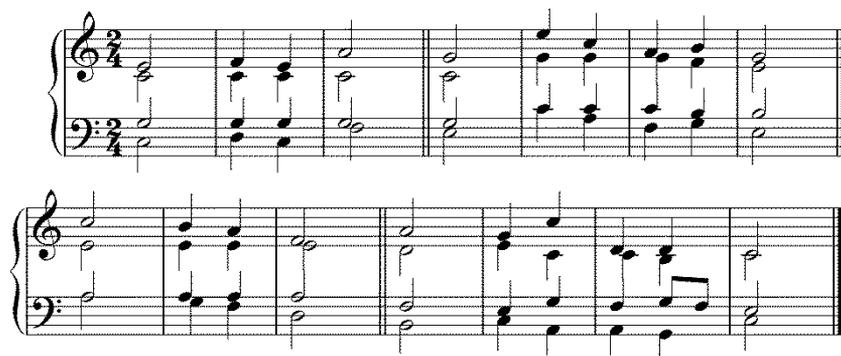
Take from me the way of **ly-ing**;*
let me find grace through your **law**.

I have chosen the way of **faith-fulness**;*
I have set your judgements **be-fore** me.

I hold fast to **your** decrees;*
O God, let me not be put to **shame**.

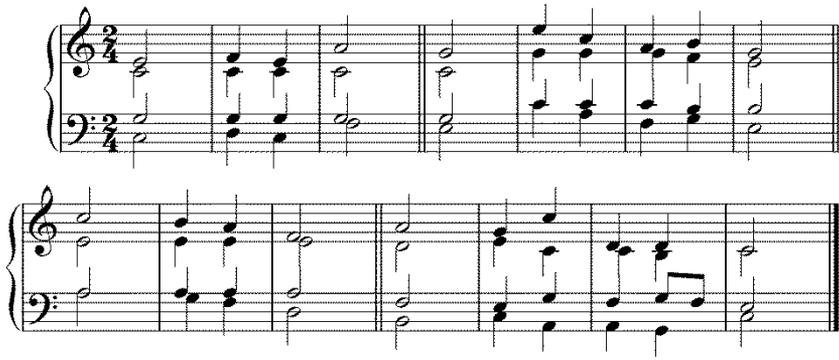
I will run the way of your **com-mand-ments**,
for you have set my heart at **li-ber-ty**.

Part 5 – *Legem pone*



Teach me, O God, the / way of ● your / statutes,*
and I shall / keep it / to the / end.

Give me understanding, and I shall / keep your / law;*
I shall / keep it ● with / all my / heart.



Make me go in the path of / your com- / mandments,*
for / that is / my de- / sire.

Incline my heart to / your de- / crees*
and / not to / unjust / gain.

Turn my eyes from watching / what is / worthless;*
--- / give me ● life / in your / ways.

Fulfill your promise / to your / servant,*
which you / make to / those who / fear you.

Turn away the reproach / which I / dread,*
be- / cause your / judgements ● are / good.

Behold, I long for / your com- / mandments;*
in your / righteousness ● pre- / serve my / life.

Part 6 – *Et veniat super me*



Let your loving kindness come to me, **O** God,*
and your salvation, according to **your** promise.

Then I shall have a word for those **who** taunt me,*
because I trust in **your** words.



Do not take the word of truth out of **my** mouth,*
for my hope is in **your** judgements.

I shall continue to keep **your** law;*
I shall keep it for ever **and** ever.

I will walk **at** liberty,*
because I study your **com**-mandments

I will tell of your decrees be-**fore** rulers*
and will not be **ash**-amed.

I delight in your **com**-mandments,*
which I have al-**ways** loved.

I will lift up my hands to your **com**-mandments
and I will meditate on **your** statutes.

Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son,*
and to the Ho-**ly** Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be **for**-ever.
world without end. **A**-men.

Gradual Alleluia

*(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)*



*The kingdom of God is at hand
Repent and believe in the Gospel.*

Word (Mark 4: 1-20)

Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that

‘they may indeed look, but not perceive,
and may indeed listen, but not understand;
so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.’”

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Words of Reflection: The Very Rev. Dr. Tim Dobbin

Affirmation of Faith

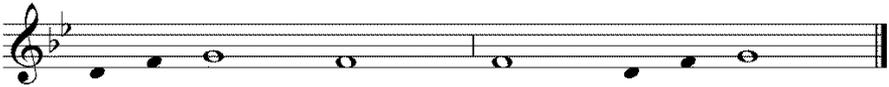
We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

The Song of Mary

(sung by all)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour
For you Lord have looked with **favour**
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blest**
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.
Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**
And lifting **up** the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good **things**
And sent the rich **away** empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The promise you made to our **forebears**
To Abraham, Sarah, and their **children** for ever.

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.

Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

God of all people,
you sent your Son into our shadowed world.
May his dawning light
give hope to the broken, the persecuted,
the alien and the excluded,
so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near
and turn to follow him;
through Jesus Christ, the morning star.

Amen.

The Litany

Refrain *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



God of the one vineyard, call us to abide in your love in all we do and say.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Merciful God, show us in Christ that we are one in you.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

God who gathers, knit us together as one vine in your Son Jesus.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.



Re - mem - ber, O Lord, your faith - ful - ness and love.

Send love to the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,
and pray as our Saviour 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 forever. Amen.

Hymn – May the grace of Christ our Saviour

Text: John Newton based on 2 Corinthians 13: 14

Music: Melody by Heinrich Albert. Harm. J.S. Bach. WALTHAM



May the grace of Christ our Sa - viour, and the Fa - ther's bound - less love,
Thus may we a - bide in un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's fa - vour, rest u - pon us from a - bove.
and pos - ess, in sweet com - mun - ion, joys which earth can - not af - ford.

The Dismissal

Be one, so that the world may believe! Abide in his love, go into the world and bear the fruits of this love.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and all peace in faith, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Organ –*Lebhaft* from Sonata III

Paul Hindemith

NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27:
A HYMN FESTIVAL FOR EPIPHANY

COMMEMORATION OF
JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP OF CONSTANINOPLE
Leaders: Michael Bloss, Anne Kae

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