

Wednesday, September 30, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER  
COMMEMORATION OF JEROME, TEACHER OF THE FAITH

*Officiant and Homilist: Dan Tatarnic*  
*Soloist/Cantor: John Janisse; 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.*

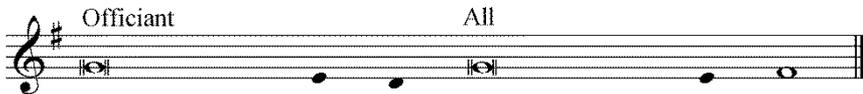
**Words of Welcome**

**Music** – Flocks in pastures green abiding BWV 208 J.S. Bach

*Flocks in pastures green abiding,  
safely with their Shepherd rest.  
Cool'd by waters gently gliding,  
Flocks in pastures green abiding safely with their Shepherd rest.  
With the food of life he feeds them,  
to the fold he gently leads them,  
there to dwell forever blest,  
Flocks in pastures green abiding...*

**Sentence** – If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.  
*John 8.31–32.*

**Introductory responses**



Officiant All

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

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a series of notes: a whole note G4, a whole note A4, a whole note B4, a whole note C5, a whole note D5, and a whole note E5. Above the staff, the word 'Officiant' is written above the first three notes (G, A, B) and 'All' is written above the last three notes (C, D, E). Below the staff, the lyrics 'Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God' are written, with the notes corresponding to the syllables: 'Light' (G), 'and' (A), 'peace' (B), 'in' (C), 'Christ' (D), 'Jesus' (E), 'our' (G), 'hope' (A), 'Thanks' (B), 'be' (C), 'to' (D), 'God' (E).







Your de- / crees are / wonderful;\*  
therefore I o- / bey them • with / all my / heart.

When your word goes forth / it gives / light;\*  
it gives under- / standing / to the / simple.

I open my / mouth and / pant;\*  
I / long for / your com- / mandments.

Turn to / me in / mercy,\*  
as you always do to / those who / love your / name.

Steady my footsteps / in your / word;\*  
do not let iniquity have do- / minion / over / me.

Rescue me from / those who • op- / press me,\*  
and / I will / keep your • com- / mandments.

Let your countenance shine up- / on your / servant\*  
--- / and teach / me your / statutes.

My eyes shed / streams of / tears,\*  
because people / do not / keep your / law.



You are righteous **O** God,\*  
and upright are **your** judgements.



You have issued your **de**-crees\*  
with justice and in per-**fect** faithfulness.

My indignation has **con**-sumed me,\*  
because my enemies forget **your** words.

Your word has been tested to **the** uttermost,\*  
and your servant holds **it** dear.

I am small and of little **ac**-count,\*  
yet I do not forget your **com**-mandments.

Your justice is an everlast-**ing** justice\*  
and your law is **the** truth.

Trouble and distress have come up-**on** me,\*  
yet your commandments are my **de**-light.

The righteousness of your decrees is ev-**er**-lasting;\*  
grant me understanding, that I **may** live.

Glory to God, Source of **all** being,  
eternal Word and Ho-**ly** Spirit.

As it was in the **be**-ginning,  
is now and will be forever. **A**-men

## Gradual Alleluia

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



*O shepherd of Israel bear us  
You who lead Joseph like a flock*

## **Word (Luke 5: 27-39)**

After this Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Then they said to him, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink." Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'"

## **Words of Reflection: Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

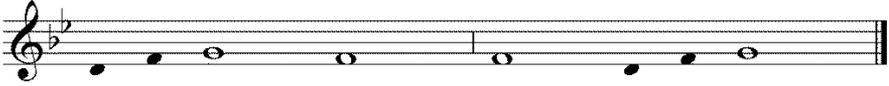
We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

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.*

Almighty God,  
who through the teaching of your servant Jerome  
enlightened and enabled all your Church  
to understand the truth in Jesus Christ,  
raise up among us teachers of your word,  
that we, set free by truth from unbelief,  
may come to know our great salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever..

**Amen.**

## The Litany

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



God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

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

### Refrain

Fill the world with your peace and justice.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.  
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 – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

TEXT: George Herbert (1595-1633)

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). THE CALL



Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a  
way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move, such a love as none can  
strife, such a life as kill - - - eth death.  
length, such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part, such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

**Organ** –Praeludium in F BuxWV144

Dietrich Buxtehude

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NEXT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG (FERIA)

Homilist: Rev. Canon Terry DeForest; Officiant: Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic

The Cathedral Vocal Ensemble

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