

Sunday, August 2, 2020– Christ's Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic; **Homilist:** D. Ralph Spence;
Soloist/Cantor: Jeremy Ludwig; **Keyboard:** 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 – We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (*Matthew 4: 4*)

Solo – Steal Away

(African-American spiritual)
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

*Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending,
Poor sinners stand a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.*

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 beyond all seeing and knowing,
we meet you in the night
of change and crisis and wrestle with you
in darkness and doubt.
Give us the will and spirit to live faithfully
and to love as we are loved,
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

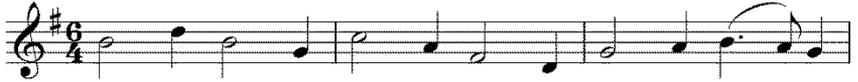
All

A - - - - - men.

Hymn – In the name of Christ we gather

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1992.

MUSIC: Henry Purcell, ca. 1682. WESTMINSTER ABBEY



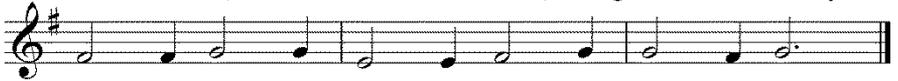
In the name of Christ we gath - er, in the name of
Sons and daugh - ters of the Spi - rit, we are called to
In the min - is - try of preach - ing may the Word spring
Now with - in this so - lemn mo - ment we in - voke the
Word of joy, en - liv - ening Spi - rit more than lov - er,



Christ we sing! Ce - le - brate new vows, new pro - mise
teach and care, called as were the first dis - ci - ples,
in - to life, in the time of doubt and chall - enge
pow'r of God by the hands laid on in bless - ing
par - ent, friend, born in Je - sus, born in Ma - ry,



of a life's whole of - fer - ing, here or - dained to
com - mon wealth of Christ to share, by the bread and
may its truth af - firm be - lief, in the day of
be there strength to take the load, be there faith - ful -
born in us, that love ex - tend, grow with - in your



lead God's peo - ple at the Gos - pel's beck - on - ing.
wine and wa - ter sa - cra - ments of grace de - clare.
pain and dark - ness heal the hurt of guilt and grief.
ness in lov - ing, be there cour - age for this road.
cho - sen ser - vant, life of God that has no end!

Psalm 34 *Benedicam Domino*

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



Cantor: I WILL bless **God** at all times;*
my mouth will always be **praising** my Maker.

All: I will glory **in the Ho-ly One**;*
let the humble hear **and** re-joice.

Proclaim with me the greatness **of** the Most High;*
let us exalt God's **name** to-gether.

Cantor: I sought my **God** and was answered*
and was delivered from **all** my terror.

All: Look upon **God** and be radiant,*
and let not your faces **be** ash-amed.

I called in my af-**flic-tion and** was heard*
and was saved from **all** my troubles.

Your angel O God, en-**compasses** those who fear you,*
and **will** de-liver them.

Cantor: Taste and **see that God** is good;*
happy are they who trust in the **Ho-ly One**.

All: Many are the **troubles** of the righteous,*
but you will de-**li**-ver them.

You will keep **safe** all their bones,*
not one of them **shall** be broken.



Cantor: Evil **shall** slay the wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous **will** be punished

All: You, O God, ransom **each** faithful servant,*
and none will be punished who **trust** in you.

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

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

Gradual Alleluia

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Speak Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Word (Mark 3: 20-30)

The crowd came together so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

“How can Satan cast out Satan If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But, no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Words of Reflection: The Most Rev. Dr. D. Ralph Spence

Affirmation of Faith

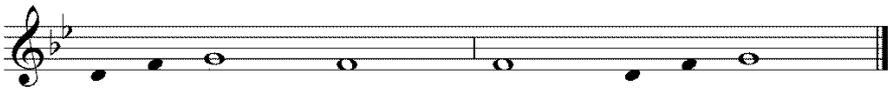
We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

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

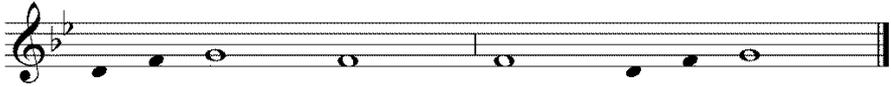
(sung by all)



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

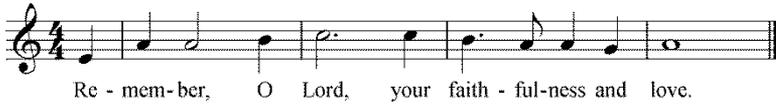
The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

God of compassion:
your heart goes out
to the hungry and destitute;
you take what we have
and transform it into much;
give us the bread that satisfies,
the food without price,
so that our lives may show forth
your overflowing love;
through Jesus Christ,
the breaker of bread.

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

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.
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,

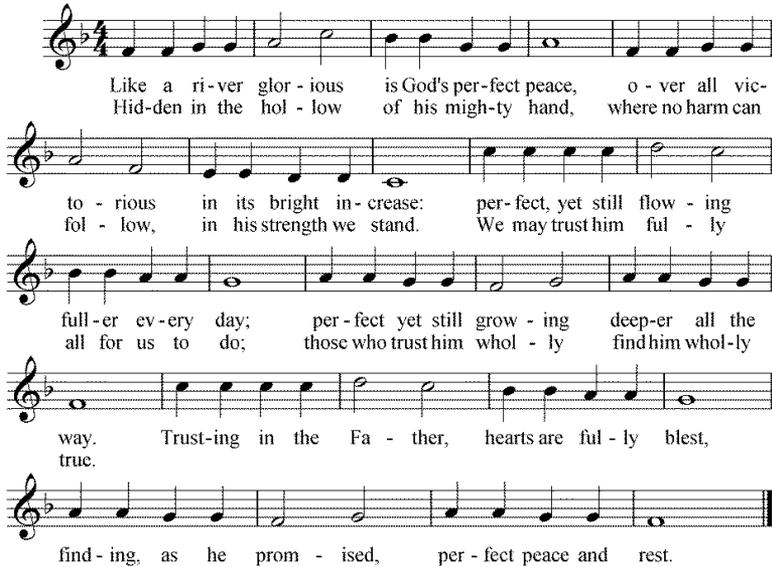
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn – Like a River Glorious

Text: Francis R. Havergal (1878)

Music: James Mountain

Like the psalms of trust in the Old Testament, this text helps us affirm that trusting in God produces “perfect peace and rest.” The serene tune, with its melodic repetitions, was composed by Mountain for Havergal’s text and published in their Hymns of Consecration and Faith (1876).



Like a ri-ver glor-ious is God's per-fect peace, o-ver all vic-
Hid-den in the hol-low of his migh-ty hand, where no harm can
to-rious in its bright in-crease: per-fect, yet still flow-ing
fol-low, in his strength we stand. We may trust him ful-ly
full-er ev-ery day; per-fect yet still grow-ing deep-er all the
all for us to do; those who trust him whol-ly find him whol-ly
way. Trust-ing in the Fa-ther, hearts are ful-ly blest,
true.
find-ing, as he prom-ised, per-fect peace and rest.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Music – Chaconne

(Louis Couperin)

NEXT SUNDAY: EVENING PRAYER FOR
PENTECOST 10
Canon Sharyn Hall, homilist
