

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

THE PRELUDE	The Peace May Be Exchanged (Chris Walchesky, <i>organ</i>)	Dan Locklair (b. 1949)
THE INTROIT	The Eyes of All Hope In Thee	Richard Felciano (b.1930)
THE OPENING HYMN 479	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	<i>Hyfrydol</i>

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder love and praise.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Kneeling, officiant and people together*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*Standing*)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips. *People* ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

CANTICLE, HYMN 608 *Venite exultemus Domino* W. H. Walter

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 145:14-21 (*Standing, read in unison*)

¹⁴The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. ¹⁶You open wide your hand, and fill all things living with plenteousness. ¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways and merciful in all his works. ¹⁸The LORD is near to all those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully. ¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; he also will hear their cry and will help them. ²⁰The LORD preserves all those who love him, but he will destroy all the ungodly. ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON *After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.*** Philippians 1:21-27

CANTICLE *Glory to You* John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 20:1-16

THE SERMON HYMN

Amazing Grace

New Britain

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

THE SERMON

Amazing Grace

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Standing, said by all*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** *All kneeling, officiant and people pray in the words of The Lord's Prayer.*

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; **and grant us thy salvation.** Endue thy ministers with righteousness; **and make thy chosen people joyful.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in thee can we live in safety.** Lord, keep this nation under thy care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.** Let thy way be known upon earth; **thy saving health among all nations.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.** Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, A COLLECT FOR PEACE, A COLLECT FOR GRACE

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy." The people respond, "Hear our prayer."

A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*Remaining kneeling, all in unison*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**)

CHORAL OFFERING

Beati quorum via

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE DOXOLOGY AND PATRIOTIC HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *continuing with*
Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

HYMN 783

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor thee,
That we fail not man nor thee.

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX (Patricia Gould, *organ*)

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)