Morning Prayer  
September 6, 2020  
10:15am

Prelude

Priest:  Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People:  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Priest:  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:  Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Priest:  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

Opening Hymn – Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

Like the murmur of the dove’s song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind’s rush, like the new flame’s eager might:  

come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s Body, to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:  

come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  

come, Holy Spirit, come.

Officiant:  Lord, open our lips.
People:  And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant:  Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
People:  as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm          Venite  (Read responsively by half verse.)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *  
   let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving *  
   and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.  
For you are a great God; *  
   you are great above all gods.  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *  
   and the heights of the hills are yours also.  
The sea is yours, for you made it, *  
   and your hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *  
   and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.*  
   Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:33–40

(Prayed individually, verse by verse)

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

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.

The Lessons

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

The Song of the Redeemed

(Read responsively by half verse.)

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
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.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery
and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Canticle**

**A Song of Creation**

*(Read responsively by half verse.)*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *

**sing praise and give honor for ever.**

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Reflections on Scripture**

*The Rev. Rebecca Brown*

**Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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.

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray together.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People:* And grant us your salvation.

O. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
P. Let your people sing with joy.  
O. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
P. For only in you can we live in safety.  
O. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
P. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
O. Let your way be known upon earth;  
P. Your saving health among all nations.  
O. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
P. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
O. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
P. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy.  
*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Officiant:* God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in  
times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as  
Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear  
good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common  
prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their  
own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect  
freedom: Defend us your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your  
defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Closing Hymn – Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

You are a salt for the earth, O people; Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O People: Life in the Kingdom of God! *Refrain*

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! *Refrain*

You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God! *Refrain*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Priest:* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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