

9 am Service
November 22, 2020
Gather

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, in whose image we are made, and who claims us and calls us beloved. **C. Amen**

P. Holy One,

C. We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Gathering Song - "You Never Let Go" Matthew Redman

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near*

*And I will fear no evil for my God is with me and if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go; Lord, You never let go of me*

*And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth*

*And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?*

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Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me*

Litany for Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020 9am

A. We lift our hearts and voice, so that the reign of Christ may live in our hearts and come to our world.

C. We gather here at the end of our Church year reflecting on all that has happened, rejoicing in your sovereignty in this world and the next; and we give thanks.

A. Almighty ever-living God, it is your will to gather up all things in your beloved one, reigning in the universe in the power that is love.

C. Mercifully grant that the whole of creation is freed from slavery of our making. Liberate us from ourselves, our fear, our narrow-mindedness, our aggression, our obliviousness.

A. May serve and praise You and each other in love, peace and justice.

C. Through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you Heavenly King, we move into the new year in the unity of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks and praise to one God, now and forever. Amen and amen.

Song of Praise "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

*Amazing grace How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm 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*

*My chains are gone I've been set free my God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains unending love, Amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures
My chains are gone I've been set free my God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains unending love, Amazing grace
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And like a flood His mercy rains unending love, Amazing grace*

*The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below will be forever mine, Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

Opening Prayer—Christ the king

A. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace; and we give thanks. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

Word

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

“Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Gospel Acclamation

C. Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia. (Mark 11:9)

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Children’s Time**Sue Peters****The Message****Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger**

Response

Prayers of the People

A: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Inspire those in our Community of Faith: Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estell, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools, healthcare workers and government officials. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort our **Homebound**: Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care), Pat Reiber. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. We particularly ask you to help us to heal racial tensions. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy Protector, guard the lives of our military personnel especially Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Spirit of healing, soothe those who need healing: Cindy Bunch, Bob & Karen Steinert, Claudia Sauer, Katie Maly, Sue Herr, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Laurie Collins, and all suffering with Covid 19. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Comfort the family of Walt Carlson, Marie Wenzlick (Teresa Loga's aunt), Mary Elwer (Teresa Loga's great aunt), Darlene Calcamuggio, Barbara Keller, David Smith, Braylen Noble, Eijah Northcutt. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive our prayers and thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise**

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in memory of Me.

P: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in memory of Me.

Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **C. Amen.**

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Announcements

Blessing

P. May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, Who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad. The blessings of God, Sovereign, +Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **C. Amen.**

Song "*Bridge Over Troubled Water*"

*When you're weary feeling small
when tears are in your eyes I will dry them all
I'm on your side when times get rough
and friends just can't be found
like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down
like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down*

*When you're down and out when you're on the street
When evening falls so hard I will comfort you
I'll take your part when darkness comes
and pain is all around
like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down
like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down
like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your mind.*

Dismissal

A. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**