

**9 am Service
November 8, 2020**

Gather

Call to worship Nov 8th Veterans day

R. Thank you to all who served this country!

P. Governor of Nations, our Strength and Shield: we give you thanks for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country:

A. For those who have fought for freedom; for those who laid down their lives for others; for those who have borne suffering of mind or of body; for those who have brought their best gifts to times of need.

R. On our behalf they have entered into danger, endured separation from those they love, labored long hours, and borne hardship in war and in peacetime.

A. Lift up by your mighty Presence those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families; and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home;

P. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers; until your world is perfected in peace through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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 - *America the Beautiful*

*Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*Oh, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.*

Oh, beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Litany of Trust

A. From the belief that I have to earn Your love and the fear that I am unlovable.

C. Deliver me, Jesus.

A. From the false security that I have what it takes. From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute. **C. Deliver me, Jesus.**

A. From all suspicion of Your words and promises. From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You. **C. Deliver me, Jesus.**

A. From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will. From anxiety about the future **C. Deliver me, Jesus.**

A. From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past. From restless self-seeking in the present moment. **C. Deliver me, Jesus.**

A. From disbelief in Your love and presence. From the fear of being asked to give more than I have **C. Deliver me, Jesus.**

A. From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth. From the fear of what love demands. From discouragement. **C. Deliver me, Jesus.**

A. That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me Jesus. That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me Jesus. That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You Jesus, **C. I trust in You.**

A. That You are with me in my suffering. That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next. That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church. **C. I trust in You.**

A. That Your plan is better than anything else. That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me. That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others. **C. I trust in You.**

A. That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked. That my life is a gift. **C. That You will teach me to trust You.**

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
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 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

A. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

Word

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light — pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation

C. Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. (Matt. 24:42, 44)

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lampstand went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Children's Time

Teresa Loga

The Message

Intern Rebecca West-Estell

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.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. 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. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. 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: Today we revere and thank all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

God, thank You for the selfless sacrifice of these veterans and of their families. Help us to remember them, to pray for them, and to care for them. Please bring all our departed veterans into Your Kingdom, and console their families with Your unfailing love.

Please heal our wounded veterans through the power of Your Holy Spirit, and give to all our veterans the satisfaction of having served You even as they have served us.

Thank You for Your gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we continue to keep these rights available to all. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of military personnel especially **those currently serving** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie;

and **those who have served** Doug Brindley, Kyle Brindley, Larry Cannon, Angie Carriker, Bill Claucherty, Richard Gehring, Holly Gibson, Dave Gilbert, Jay Gollither, Don Gurwell, Frank Hummel, Lee Kramer, Thomas Liedel, Teresa Loga, John MacKay, Pat Monaghan, Arnie Page, David Peters, David P. Peters, Ron Roush, Fred Schaefer, Eric Schaefer, Ken Schwieder, Jim Vischer, and Lon Warnke, Pastor Rebecca and Rodney West-Estell. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

A: Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Comfort the family of Marie Wenzlick (Teresa Loga's aunt), Mary Elwer (Teresa Loga's great aunt), Darlene Calcamuggio, Barbara Keller, David Smith, Braylen Noble, Eijah Northcutt. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive our prayers 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

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.**

Sent

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 Waters*

*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*

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