

Simple Saturday Service: A Celtic Liturgy

August 29th, 2020

Opening Sentences and Responses

Whoever is on the Lord's side let them join with me,
that we may come to the visions of God.

Thanks be to you O God, for this day,
to the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
the hand of God between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
the love of Christ between us and each love.

Beloved of the waifs, beloved of the naked,
draw us to the shelter-house of the Savior of the poor.



Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

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.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

*Today's psalm is a selection of verses from Psalm 105.
(105:1-6, 23-26, 45c)*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Hallelujah!

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (Matthew 16:21-28)

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Cheryl Moore

Declaration of Faith

There is no other God, there never was and there never will be,
than God the Father, unbegotten and without beginning,
the Lord of the Universe; And his Son Jesus Christ
whom we declare to have always been with the Father
and to have been begotten spiritually by the Father
in a way that baffles description
before the beginning of the world,
before all beginning;
and by him are made all things visible and invisible.

He was made man, defeated death,
and was received into heaven by the Father,
who has given him power over all names in heaven, on earth, and under the earth;
and every tongue will acknowledge to him
that Jesus Christ is the Lord God.

We believe in him and we look for his coming soon
as judge of the living and the dead
who will treat every one according to their deeds.
He has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us in abundance,
the gift and guarantee of eternal life
who makes those who believe and obey
children of God, and joint heirs with Christ.
We acknowledge and adore him as one God
in the Trinity of the Holy Name.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Thanks be to you, O God,
that we have experienced this day as an experience of life itself.
May each day be a day of blessing, O God of every gift,
A day of new beginnings given.
Help us to avoid every sin,
and to forsake the source of every sin,
And as the mist scatters from the crest of the hills,
May each ill haze clear from our soul, O God.

Amen.

O God, in our soul may we feel your presence.
The knee that is stiff, O Healer, make pliant.
The heart that is hard, make warm beneath your wing.
The wound that gives pain, O best of healers, make whole,
And may our hopes and fears find a listening place with you.

Amen.

O Christ of the poor and the yearning,
O Christ of the least and the homeless,
O Christ of the lost and betrayed,
May those without shelter be under your guarding;
May the wandering find places of welcome.
O Son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,
May your cross be shielding them.
Come close to us all, that we may come close to you.
We pray especially today for...

Amen.

For peace between nations, peace between neighbors,
Peace between lovers in the love of the God of Life.
Peace between spouses and partners,
Peace between parents and children,
Peace between brothers and sisters;
The peace of Christ above all peace.

Amen.

We pray especially today for those who are standing on your holy ground and
doing your good work and suffering the injustices of our broken world.

As we pray through our parish list, we lift the following people to you:

Beverly Naylor; Charlie & Carol Nelson; Richard, Margaret, & Emma Nelson;
Stephen, Cynthia & Chris Nelson; Theresa Neves; Guy & Mary Sue Newbery;
Keith, Sarah, Joseph, Meaghan & Catherine Nyhan; Rodney Obien;
Sarah O'Connor & James, Michael, Landen, Hunter & Catherine O'Connor;
Diane & Joseph Olimpio

You are the love of each living creature, O Christ.
You are the warmth of the rising sun,
The whiteness of the moon at night.
You are the life of the growing earth,
The strength of the waves of the sea.
Lighten our understanding of your presence all around, O Christ.
Kindle our wills to be caring for Creation.

Amen.

We pray in the eye of the God who created us,
In the eye of the Son who died for us,
In the eye of the Spirit who moves us in love and in desire.

Amen.

For the many gifts you have bestowed on us;
Each day and night, each sea and land,
Each weather fair, each calm, each wild, Thanks be to you, O God.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**Count us not as nothing,
O God, count us not as nothing,
O Christ, count us not as nothing,
O kind Spirit, nor abandon us to eternal loss.
We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy.
Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give:
for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech;
for all that we have left undone,
for all that we have done amiss.
Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father,
you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave.**

**As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness,
enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light.
Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting;
strong Son of God most high.**

The Absolution

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.

The Peace

The Announcements

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of
your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with
the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you
with the angels of light who envelop us, with Michael and the host of heaven,
with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and
Margaret, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our
loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we
join in the prayer our Savior Christ has taught us.**

The Lord's Prayer (9th Century Celtic)

**Father, in your tranquil world above,
may your kingdom come,
reveal your nourishing light.
Let your clear will be done
on earth and in heaven.
What is needed for life today,
the substance of holy bread,
provide to us soon.
Forgive countless debts of our wicked errors,
no different than we pardon our debtors.
Oh, keep temptation of the devil far away,
and likewise raise us up from evil**

to light at your right hand.

Amen.

The Closing Prayer

For the haunting rhythm of our universe, we thank you, Creator and Lord. For the still-reaching reaches of our world, we thank you, Creator and Lord. For becoming yourself a man among us, we thank you, Redeemer and Lord. For drawing us into the mystery of life and love, we thank you, Spirit and Lord. For touching us with stars and blades of grass, we thank you, Spirit and Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Sacred Spirit, the One and the Three. May God quench your thirst with the Water of Life; may the sun be bright upon you, may the night call down peace, and when you come to God's household may the door be open wide for you to go in to your joy. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all, evermore.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the Name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

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