



Grace Episcopal Church

Wednesday Online Prayer Service

November 25, 2020

Call to Prayer

We enter quietly.

The service begins with sounding of a bell; when the bell is rung again the Celebrant will say;

Thanks be to you O God, that we have risen this day;

All respond We thank you for the daily resurrection of all life, seen and unseen.

The Celebrant then says

Beloved, love one another today, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God;

All respond Spirit of God, search our hearts today and show us both your forgiveness and your love.

Readings & Response

The psalm will be said by all; the Celebrant will begin by saying:

O Lord, open our lips;

All respond And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Psalm | 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah | 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All respond Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the First Book of Corinthians | 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All respond Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Mark (Glory to you, Lord Christ)

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

(Reading continues on the following page.)

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Respond Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily or Reflection

We respond with prayers. After each petition, there will be a short period of quiet.

Leader We pray for the world:
 (Silently or aloud)

Consider prayers for the earth, and all God’s people; consider prayers for the hungry and poor.

All respond Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

Leader We pray for our community:
 (Silently or aloud)

Consider prayers for the earth, and all God’s people; consider prayers for the hungry and poor.

All respond Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves.

Leader We pray for those in need:
 (Silently or aloud)

Consider prayers for the earth, and all God’s people; consider prayers for the hungry and poor.

All respond Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

The celebrant offers this or some other invitation to anointing

Jesus sent his disciples out into the world to lay hands on the sick, proclaiming God's healing love and forgiveness. We present ourselves, acknowledging our own frailty and need for God's healing love. We embody this love as we share in these prayers and extend our hands to one another.

Leader And so with the compassion you give us we can say:
 The peace of the Lord be with you!

All respond **And also with you.**

Dismissal

Leader We have been blessed this day.

All respond **Lord, let us now be a blessing to your world.**