



Rejoice and Be Glad, Jan Richardson

Grace Episcopal Church

Wednesday Morning Prayer

September 28, 2022

We Gather in God's Name

We keep silence for a time.

The Officiant says

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

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

Officiant Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

All Spirit of God, search our hearts today, and teach us your Way of forgiveness and love.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Praise to the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

We Proclaim and Respond to God's Word

Psalm | 137:1-6

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,
when we remembered you, O Zion.

**As for our harps, we hung them up
on the trees in the midst of that land.**

For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth:
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

**How shall we sing the Lord's song
upon an alien soil.**

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill.

**Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

First Reading | Lamentations 1:1-6

A reading from Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

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Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

After the reading, the Reader will say

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading | 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from Second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

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For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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Gospel | Luke 17:5-10

Officiant A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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Homily or Reflection

We Pray for the World and All People



Seven Beads - Julie Snyder '10

Let us rest quietly in the presence of God.
We gather our hearts in silent prayer.

Let us give thanks for God's blessings.
We offer prayers of thanksgiving.

Let us rejoice with those who rejoice.
We offer prayers of praise.

Let us confront ourselves with honesty.
We offer prayers of confession.

Let us intercede for the whole world.
We offer prayers for all people.

Let us pray for those closest to our hearts.
We pray for those in our parish family.

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Healing Prayers

Officiant Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. **Amen.**

All are invited to name those to be included in prayers for healing, aloud or in chat. Please share only the names of those for whom we should pray.

The Officiant offers a concluding prayer for healing

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, especially [...]. Strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We Are Sent into God's World

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**