

Church of the Ascension

October 25, 2020 5:00pm Holy Eucharist

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Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

*Be thoughtful, be reverent, be present,
for you are standing on Holy Ground.
Before the service, speak to Jesus in preparation for worship.
During the service, let Christ speak to you as you encounter
Jesus' presence through worship.
After the service, share with each other the
Good News of God's love for us.*

Prelude Give Me Jesus *Soloist: Jeanne Ward-Estes*

1. In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise give me Jesus. REFRAIN

REFRAIN

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

2. And when I am alone, oh, and when I am alone,
and when I am alone give me Jesus. REFRAIN

3. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die,
and when I come to die, give me Jesus. REFRAIN

Welcome

Opening Sentence

Leader: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting
up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Let us pray together,

**Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall
see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn Give Thanks for Life From Wonder, Love & Praise No. 775

1. Give Thanks for life, the measure of our day, mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, Alleluia,
Alleluia.

2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christ
flame bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what
is right, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; Let us
confess our failure to live as grateful and generous people.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader: 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

**4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

13 Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

**14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

**16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman

REFRAIN: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. REFRAIN
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

REFRAIN: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

REPEAT REFRAIN TWICE AT END

The Lesson

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

New Testament

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Silence

Song**Seek First**

Taize

Seek first the kingdom of God, seek and you shall find. REPEAT

An Affirmation of Faith

Iona Abbey, Worship Book

Celebrant and People

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor. He was tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People*Leader:* The Lord be with you.***People:* And also with you.***Leader:* Let us pray.**Suffrages**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.*The people may add their petitions silently or aloud.**Pray for those need to feel God's healing touch.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.*The people may add their petitions silently or aloud.**Pray for our country and the nations; pray for peace.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.*The people may add their petitions silently or aloud**Pray for those who have died.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect to Call a New Rector

Lord God, You have called us to listen to your Holy Spirit, raise up for Ascension, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion; through Jesus Christ, in whom our hope is found. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Leader: Let us pray together the Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Song Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord; and these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored; and though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword; still we are the voice in the desert crying, "prepare ye the way of the Lord." REFRAIN

REFRAIN: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds shining like the sun at the trumpet call; lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

2. These are the day of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; and these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise; and these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world; and we are the laborers in your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

REFRAIN: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds shining like the sun at the trumpet call; lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

The Holy Communion

All baptized adults, youth, and children are invited to receive communion. If you are not baptized, you are invited to cross your arms to receive a blessing.

The Invitation *Iona Abbey, Worship Book*

Leader: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate.

The Story of the Last Supper

Blessed, is our friend and savior, Jesus the Christ. Jesus walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest, Jesus took the bread and having blessed it, He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'This is my body, given for you'.

In the same way he took the cup of wine, and having given thanks for it, He poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, 'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.'

Loving God, it is through your goodness that we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. In the sharing of this bread, may we know your resurrection presence, and may we know that, in touching this bread, it is you whom we touch.

Tonight we celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among His community through the centuries and shares among us now. Made one with Christ, and thus one with each other, let us offer these gifts and ourselves to God, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining and making us whole; that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Song: Remembrance Matt Redman

1. Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery, say, "Take this bread, take this wine?" Now the simple made divine for any to receive.

Pre-Chorus: By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.

REFRAIN: Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship. And as we worship You our worship leads to communion we respond to Your invitation we remember You.

2. See His body His blood know that He has overcome ev'ry trial we will face. And none too lost to be saved none too broken or ashamed all are welcome in this place. Pre-Chorus then REFRAIN

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together:

Leader and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Wisdom of God the Love of God
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world;
and the Blessing of God Almighty,
Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier
Keep you and those you love in life everlasting. **Amen.**

Leader: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon

Leader and People

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Hymn 293

1. I sing a song of the saints of Good. Patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce Wilde beast: and there's not any reason no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

Dismissal

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Leader: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord God living and true! Let us always give him praise, glory, honor, blessings and every good thing.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! (St. Francis)

Postlude

Guand Tu Liras Ces Mots

Juan Madrid

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