

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

PRELUDE: CARSON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Holy Father, Great Creator: #368

WELCOME: Pastor Beverly Collinsworth

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Everyone: And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Everyone: Come let us sing to the Lord: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hands are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us Pray:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People: Amen

LESSONS: *Please be seated for the readings of the lessons.*

1st LESSON: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: Here ends the reading of the Old Testament Lesson.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 79:1-9 Let us read it responsively by full verse.

Reader: O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

Response: They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

Reader: They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

Response: We have become a reproach to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

Reader: How long will you be angry, O LORD? Will your fury blaze like fire forever?

Response: Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

Reader: For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.

Response: Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.

Reader: Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

Reader: Here ends the Psalm.

Response: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: Here ends the reading of the New Testament Lesson.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: Be Thou My Vision: #488

Priest: *Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION: CARSON

Priest/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Response: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.'

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves. You cannot serve God and wealth."

SERMON

SERMON MUSIC: CARSON

NICENE CREED

Priest: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Everyone: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially **Alec, Fr. John, Bill, Dawn, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Nancy, Kaz,**

Michael, Janna, Nanna Jo, Chris, Tyler S. Bob, Alex, Sharron, Marty, Patricia K., David, Debbie, Terry, Judy, Scott, Jay and Gus:

Response: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: We pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces, especially: Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, the 983rd Army Combat Engineer Battalion and the 393rd Air Force Bomb Squadron.

Response: Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.

Reader: In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Response: To thee, O Lord our God.

Priest/Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Everyone: 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.

Priest: 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.*

OFFERTORY: TYLER

MUSIC: CARSON *While the table is set.*

COMMUNION:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Response: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Response: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Response: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

Response: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Priest: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Response: *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Priest: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Response: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Priest: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Priest: Let us pray with those who are unable to receive the Eucharist with us this morning:

EVERYONE: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, but since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I ask that you come spiritually into my heart.

Unite me with you and never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Priest: St. Thomas practices open communion which means that all baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table.

In light of the presence still of the Covid virus, I am asking you to receive communion by intinction only. Intinction is the dipping of the wafer into the chalice instead of drinking from the chalice.

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

LEM/Deacon: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

MUSIC: CARSON: During communion and *while the table is cleared.*

Priest: Let us Pray:

Everyone: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, May the Lord look upon you with favor and bring you peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory: # 594

LEM/Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THANKS: Pastor Beverly Collinsworth

POSTLUDE: CARSON

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