

Outdoor Fresh Expressions Worship

09.13.20 5pm

Words of Welcome

Gathering Music

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria (sung)

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest

To God be glory forever

Alleluia amen, Alleluia amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 50:15-21

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103: 8-13

You are full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and rich in kindness.

You will not always be chiding:
nor do you keep your anger for ever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor punished us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth:
so great is your mercy over those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west:
so far have you put away our sins from us.

As parents have compassion on their children:
so do you Lord have compassion on those who fear you.

Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

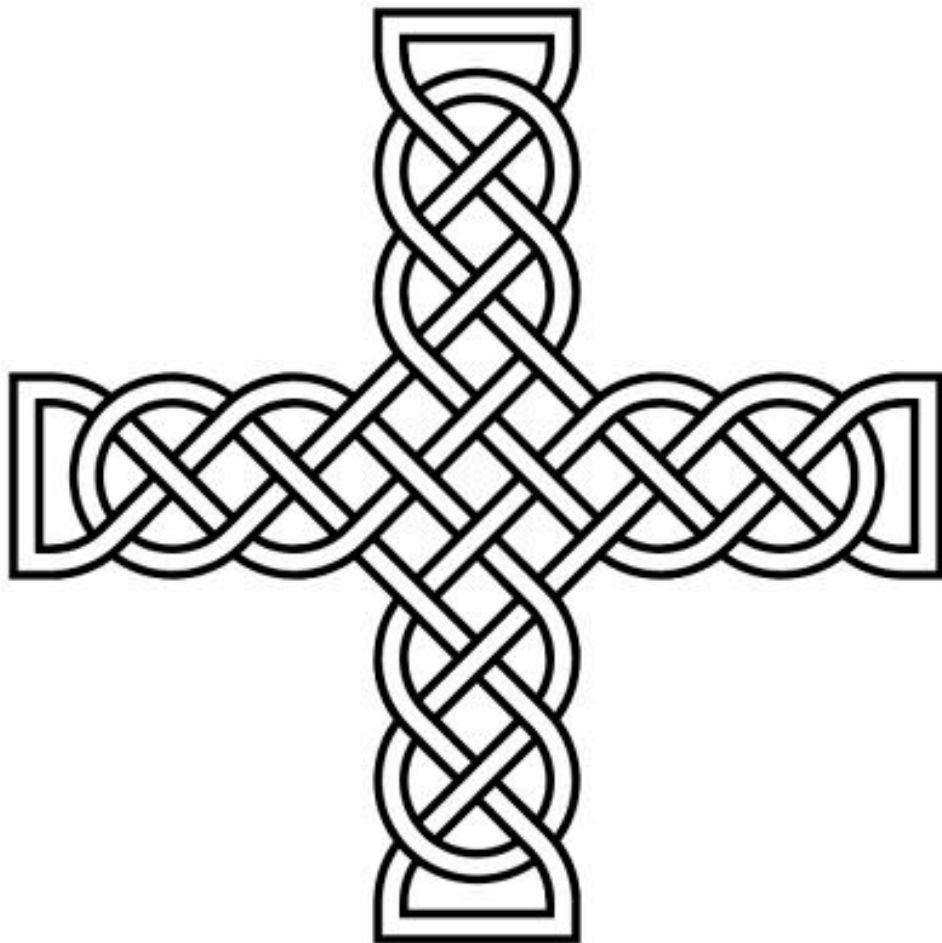
“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and

pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily



A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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Prayers of the People

As we pray to you O Lord I invite you to join in the refrain:

Refrain -

**God ever faithful,
God ever merciful,
God of your people,
hear our prayer.**

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ;
for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For faithful witness, fellowship in love;
for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those who guide the nations of the earth;
that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those who seek and serve the common good;
that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm;
for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair;
that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those oppressed, for those who live in fear;
that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the sick, the dying, and the dead,
be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That we might live in peace from day to day;
that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That we may stay faithful, open to your Word;
your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts;
for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

Entrusting all we are into your hands,
we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Musical Offering

The Eucharist

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

In your loving purpose you chose us
before the foundation of the world
to be your people;

you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah
and bestowed your favour on the Virgin Mary.

We give you thanks for the example
and encouragement of your saints (especially N),
for their witness to the truth of your gospel,
and for the hope of glory which we share with them.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say

Celebrant and 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,
he took bread, and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup,
and when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.

The Celebrant continues

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service,
unite us in Christ,
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
how unsearchable are your judgments
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things.
To you be the glory for ever. Amen.**

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

People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (Art)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life, and in the life to come. Amen.

Musical Offering

Postcommunion Prayer (Art)

Let us pray. *People & Celebrant*

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing

Blessing Song

The Dismissal