

Healing Service 2/17/2020

We Gather in the Name of God

Gathering Instrumental Music (10 Minutes)

Opening Hymn - Sanctuary

Lord prepare me, To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us Pray.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer. Accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Proclaim and Respond to the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 36:26-28 (**Krista Anderson**)

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

Song: Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (**Chuck Dierling**)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. **5** For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30 (**Lee Stroud**)

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Song: Near the Cross

Verse 1

Jesus keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus

In the cross in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my lonesome soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Verse 2

Near the cross a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me

There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me

Verse 3

Near the cross O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me

Verse 4

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river

A Litany for Healing (Dn. Andy Atkinson)

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing comfort saying

O LORD ANSWER OUR PRAYER

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding. (Prayer list)

God, the father, your will for all people is health and salvation

WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU. O LORD

God, the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly;

WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU. O LORD

God, the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU. O LORD

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU. O LORD

Lord, grant healing grace for all who are sick, injured or with disabilities, that they may be whole

HEAR US, O LORD OF LIFE

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

HEAR US, O LORD OF LIFE

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

HEAR US, O LORD OF LIFE

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

HEAR US, O LORD OF LIFE

Grant to those dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

HEAR US, O LORD OF LIFE

Restore to wholeness what is broken in our lives, in our nation and in the world

HEAR US, O LORD OF LIFE

You are the Lord who does wonders:

YOU HAVE DECLARED YOUR POWER AMONG THE PEOPLES.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

AND IN YOUR LIGHT WE SEE LIGHT

Hear us, O Lord of life:

HEAL US, AND MAKE US WHOLE.

silence

Minister: Let us pray:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies comfort us; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins to God

People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, comfort and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Minister: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Prayers for Widespread Suffering

Christ Our King

Our world is overtaken by unexpected calamity, and by a host of attending fears, worries, and insecurities.

Lee Stroud:

We witness suffering, confusion, and hardship multiplied around us, and we find ourselves swept up in these same anxieties and troubles, dismayed by so many uncertainties.

**Now we turn to you, O God,
in this season of our common distress.**

Chuck Dierling:

Be merciful, O Christ, to those who suffer,
to those who worry, to those who grieve, to
those who are threatened or harmed in any
way by this upheaval. Let your holy compassions
be active throughout the world even now—
tending the afflicted, comforting the
brokenhearted, and bringing hope to
many who are hopeless.

**Use even these hardships to woo our hearts
nearer to you, O God.**

Krista Anderson:

Indeed, O Father, may these days
of disquiet become a catalyst
for conviction and repentance,
for the tendering of our affections,
for the stirring of our sympathies,
for the refining of our love.

**We are your people, who are called by you,
We need not be troubled or alarmed.**

Jonathan Graves:

Indeed, O Lord, let us love now more fearlessly,
remembering that you created us,
and appointed us
to live in these very places,
in the midst of these unsettled times.

It is no surprise to you that we are here now,
sharing in this turmoil along with the rest of
our society, for you have called your children
to live as salt and light among the nations,
praying and laboring for the flourishing of the
communities where we dwell, acting as agents of
your forgiveness, salvation, healing, reconciliation,
and hope, in the very midst of an often-troubled world.

**And in these holy vocations
you have not left us helpless, O Lord,
because you have not left us at all.
Your Spirit remains among us.**

Chuck Dierling:

Inhabit now your church, O Spirit of the Risen Christ.
Unite and equip your people for the work before them.

Father, empower your children to live as your children.
In times of distress let us respond, not as those
who would instinctively entrench for our own
self-preservation, but rather as those who—in imitation
of their Lord—would move in humble obedience toward
the needs and hurts of their neighborhoods and communities.
You were not ashamed to share in our sufferings, Jesus.

**Let us now be willing to share in yours, serving
as your visible witnesses in this broken world.**

Lee Stroud:

Hear now these words, you children of God,
and be greatly encouraged:

The Lord's throne in heaven is yet occupied,
his rule is eternal, and his good purposes
on earth will be forever accomplished.
So we need never be swayed by the brief and
passing panics of this age.

**You are the King of the Ages, O Christ,
and history is held in your Father's hands.**

Krista Anderson:

We, your people, know the good and glorious
end of this story. Our heavenly hope is secure.
In this time of widespread suffering then,
let us rest afresh in the surpassing peace of that
vision, that your whole church on earth might be
liberated to love more generously and sacrificially.

Now labor in and through us, O Lord, extending and
multiplying the many expressions of your mercy.

Amen.

Song: Still

Verse 1

Hide me now, Under Your wings
Cover me, Within Your mighty hand

Chorus

When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You

Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God

Verse 2

Find rest my soul, In Christ alone
Know His power, In quietness and trust

The Lord's Prayer: (All together)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Minister: Gracious 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, comfort us and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Virtual Exchange of the Peace

Song: Light a Candle in the Darkness

Light a candle in the darkness
Light a candle in the night
Let the love of Jesus light us
Light a candle in the night.

Like a flicker in the darkness
Comes a Mother's desperate cry
Then a baby's voice in answer
Brings the coming of the light.

Light a candle...
He did not come in wealth and grandeur

He did not stand with those of power
He had no status to commend him
He was homeless - he was poor.

Light a candle...
But he came to heal the wounded
And he came to heal the scars
Of a world that's bruised and broken
Where the image has been marred.

Light a Candle

An Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi* (Chuck Dierling)

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

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.

Lee Stroud:

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

People Thanks be to God.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

People Thanks be to God.

Song: Abide with me

Verse 1

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

Verse 2

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not abide with me

Verse 3

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r

Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

Verse 4

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Verse 5

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the
skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

Then follows

- V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Krista Anderson:

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done;

what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray.

Amen.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects

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.*

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all

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.

All repeat the Antiphon

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

In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. *Amen.*