

All say in unison

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

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 hand 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 hearken to his voice! Alleluia.

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *

- which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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.

The Lessons

Reader A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles [17:22-31]

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or

silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingfold

- 1 O Jesus, crowned with all renown, since thou the earth hast trod,
 thou reignest and by thee come down henceforth the gifts of God.
 Thine is the health and thine the wealth that in our halls abound,
 and thine the beauty and the joy with which the years are crowned.

- 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given;
 all fostering power, all influence sweet, breathe from the bounteous heaven.
 Attemper fair and gentle air the sunshine and the rain,
 that kindly earth with timely birth may yield her fruits again:

- 3 That we may feed the poor aright, and, gathering round thy throne,
 here, in the holy angel's sight, repay thee of thine own:
 That we may praise thee all our days, and with the Father's Name,
 and with the Holy Spirit's gifts, the Savior's love proclaim.

The Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Musical Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Savior taught us

Officiant and People

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.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bidding Prayers

I bid your prayers for the Church, for Michael, our presiding bishop, Andrew our bishop and all who minister in every capacity.

I bid your prayers for our nation and all those in authority, especially Donald our president, Henry our governor, and all who serve in Congress and the Statehouse.

I bid your prayers for all who keep us safe during this health crisis, especially doctors, nurses and medical staff; safety personnel and first responders; and scientists and researchers.

I bid your prayers for our local community, especially homeless, the friendless and those in recovery.

I bid your prayers for Andrew, Richard, Kitty, Jenna, Jessica, Dick, Mike, Lauren, Judy, Stephanie, Erinn, Laura, Carol, Marge, Edie, Louis, Beth, Shelby, and those we now name, either in our hearts or on our lips.

I bid your prayers for those who are in discernment for Holy Orders, especially Beth, our seminarian.

I bid your prayers for this congregation, our vestry and for those working on the RenewalWorks team.

I bid your prayers for those celebrating birthdays: Corey Law, Bruce Bondo, Judy Gallagher, Tessa Genova, Jim Turner, Joanne Leonard, Jane Anderson, Cecile Strait, Jeff Hill, Scott Kitson and Lia Genova; and those celebrating anniversaries: Gwen and Brooks Williams, Jim and Marsha Dent.

I bid your prayers for those who have died, especially Anne Stewart, mother of Carolyn Harper, and Leo Bethel, father of Annette Bethel, that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ.

A prayer in the time of a pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to remain with us always, when information overwhelms us and fear overtakes us, speak to us again those comforting words, “Peace be with you.” Although we cannot be physically close to others, give us the ability and courage to love as well as we can, since “perfect love casts out all fear.”

Direct your caring gaze on doctors and nurses, researchers and safety personnel. Strengthen the sick and the vulnerable; comfort those who grieve.

Bless our congregation and all who strive to follow you. Help us to remain unified in our love and action for you. And as we begin to consider ways to come together again safely, guide us our deliberations and preparations.

And when this pandemic has passed, and this crisis is resolved, teach us to know you more certainly as our dearest friend and surest hope.

This we ask in the name of you who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1 Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain He has done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snow storms, sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

The Officiant says

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.*

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Postlude

Make Songs of Joy

Richard Wienhorst

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