

All Saints' Church

Where Christ's love is experienced and shared

July 5, 2020

Liturgy of the Word on the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Allegro - William Selby

Opening Sentence

| Celebrant: | Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: |
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| People : | And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, |

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The First Lesson:

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-15

Exaltabo te, Deus

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Epistle

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Gospel:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sermon The Rev. Jamie L. Hamilton

Nicene Creed

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 and Confession of Sin

"The Prayers of the People" are Form IV from the BCP, p 388. At the end of each petition, the intercessor will say "Lord in your mercy" to which you respond, "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We remember Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob our Bishop; Jamie our Rector; Sandi, our Curate; and for all our associate priests at All Saints' & for all bishops, priests, and deacon. In the Anglican church, we pray for the United Church of Pakistan, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the United States of America and the pursuit of life, liberty and justice for all. 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. [Silence]

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We remember our President, our Congress, and our Judiciary; all those who serve our country, and all those around the world whose lives are affected by war and hatred. 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. [Silence]

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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.

[Silence] Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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.

[Silence] Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially during this pandemic, and those parishioners who are in nursing homes, all persons served by our local agencies and institutions. We pray for all the victims of natural disasters and acts of violence around the world: Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pause that others may be included in our prayers by name.

[Silence] Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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.

[Silence]

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We give thanks for the many blessings in our lives: for our families, friends, and for this church community, All Saints', and we pause that we may give thanks for other things or events in our lives either, silently in our hearts or aloud.

[Silence] Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 I your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Forgive and revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God: a new collect composed by a team of Lutherans and Episcopalians - we are asked to pray this collect every Sunday through the first Sunday in September

The Peace

Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Dedication of Our Gifts: Thank you for your important ongoing financial support for All Saints' Church, as well as for your ministry to our neighbors and communities. All these gifts offered in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, You appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. *Amen.* - Ilia Delio, OSF (adapted)

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: *Jig* – William Selby