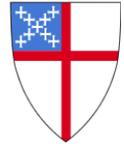




LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday November 15, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28, Year A, RCL



PRELUDE:
Morning Has Broken

St. Barnabas Handbell Choir
Bunessan

OPENING HYMN 598: Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st To Earth

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1. **L**ord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth,
upon a cross they bound thee,
and mocked thy saving kingship then
by thorns with which they crowned thee;
and still our wrongs may weave thee now
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round thee.
2. O awful Love, which found no room in life
where sin denied thee, and, doomed to death,
must bring to doom the powers which crucified thee,
till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nations' pride, o'er thrown,
went down to dust beside thee!
3. New advent of the love of Christ,
shall we again refuse thee,
till in the night of hate and war we perish as we lose thee?
From old unfaith our souls release
to seek the kingdom of they peace,
by which alone we choose thee.
4. O wounded hands of Jesus,
build in us thy new creation; our pride is dust,
our vaunt is stilled, we wait thy revelation:
O love that triumphs over loss,
we bring our hearts before thy cross,
to finish thy salvation.

OPENING SENTENCES

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE 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.**

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Judges 4:1-7

- Read by Cherry Perlson

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- Read by Nancy Lewis

- 1 **T**o you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- Read by John Nolan

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN 574: Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

St. Petersburg

1. **B**efore thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.
2. Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.
3. For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.
4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

- The Rev. Joanna Leiserson

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and people

**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.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Celebrant and people

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

The congregation is invited to stand

- Read by the Rajasingh Family: Rajasingh, Satya, Josiah & Jeryl

Let us pray for the church and for the world, for ourselves and for our neighbors.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the peace and health of the world, that people may hunger and thirst no longer.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world, and for all people of faith.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For our bishops, priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all leaders.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For justice, peace, and freedom for all peoples of the earth.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, and for those in prison.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For those who died, this year and all years past.

Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

**Joining our voices with all the saints
and angels of God,
let us offer ourselves
and one another to you, O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Rajasingh Family The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH FAMILY

In addition to the Prayers of the People for the Church and for the World, let us lift up our prayers for our own parish family and their families and friends.

For those who are ill or in any need or trouble, especially...

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of those who suffer: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And for those who have died, especially **Tom Hammons & Betty Kindleberger**

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of our servant Tom, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, into the fellowship of your saints. Deal graciously with his family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT

– Fern Ketchum
(Outreach – NEEDS)

THE OFFERTORY:
On Eagles Wings

Griff Bludworth & Joshua Goines
Michael Joncas

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS:

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE PRAYERS – *Birthdays and Anniversaries of Weddings and Unions*

We pray for all celebrating birthdays this week, especially for those of our parish, ...

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And we pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries and unions, especially, ...

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH'S TIME OF TRANSITION

Celebrant and people

**God of wisdom and love,
We pray for the leadership and future of this church
And ask for your wisdom and guidance during this time of change
and in the discernment of our new Rector.
Uphold us in word, in sacrament and in one another,
In change and in challenge, in humility and in hope.
May our minds be your mind, our will be your will,
and our hearts be your heart,
That filled with your Spirit our church
may continue the work you have begun in us,
Living in word and action, the life and love of your kingdom,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

1. **S**tand up, stand up, for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory his army shall be lead,
till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:
ye that are his now serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; stand in this strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor, and watching unto prayer,
when duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus: the strife will not be long:
this day, the noise of battle; the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant, a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

POSTLUDE:

Finale from Symphony No. 4

Joshua Goines, organ

Charles-Marie Widor