A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 16, 2020

#241 Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.



Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

The Lord is in his holy temple: O come, let us worship.

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 moulded 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!

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 Psalm for the day Psalm 133

The Readings for the day: Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28 A reflection on the readings (see attached - written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

274 Let there be light



Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord, opening into grace;

perish the sword, perish the angry judgement, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.

hallow our love, hallow the death of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language, thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;

let there by light, open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

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Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers (see litany below)

Please remember Karen, Geri, Doe, Thelma, the Anzil household, nursing homes, Lebanon, plans to reopen our worship services in September, parents who are concerned about school opening.

The Collect for the day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



#149 In Christ There is no East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be; who serves my Father as a son is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christlike souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham 1852-1941

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,
Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God!

18 A Responsive Intercession The penitential section may be omitted.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For N our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

General Thanksgiving Prayers

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and 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 ourselves 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 honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant concludes with an absolution, or the following (or other suitable) collect.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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