

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship for October 24, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Music

Opening Sentence of Scripture

One God has made us one in Christ.
God has set God's seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

(2 Corinthians 1:22)

Confession and Absolution of Sin

One So that we might better love as God loves us,
Let us confess the sin that seeks to separate us from God and one another.

A period of silence is kept.

Many **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, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

One 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 us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

Hymn – O bless the Lord, my soul! (*St. Thomas*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #411

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5
Music: *St. Thomas* (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

One Holy One, open our lips.
Many **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One May Christ, the morning star, shine in our hearts.
Many **O come let us worship God.**

Psalm 126:12-17

One Let us pray Psalm 126 together, responsively, by whole verse.

- ¹ When God restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- ³ Then they said among the nations, *
“God has done great things for them.”
- ⁴ **God has done great things for us, ***
and we are glad indeed.
- ⁵ Restore our fortunes, O God, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- ⁶ **Those who sowed with tears ***
will reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

At the end of the Psalm is 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 forever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson — Jeremiah (31:7-9)

One A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of God's Love (*1 John 4:7-11*)

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

At the end of the Canticle is 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 forever. Amen.

A Reading from The Gospel of Mark (*10:46-52*)

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by Carmie McDonald, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

All together

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Prayers

One Let us now pray in the words our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us.

Many **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.*

One Loving God, we give thanks for your presence;
Many **One God with many faces.**

One We pray for all baptized people;
Many **That we may live fully into our covenant with you.**

One Give us faith to serve you in all people;
Many **And our neighbors as ourselves.**

One Bless the leaders of our land;
Many **That we may be a people at peace among ourselves
and a blessing to other nations.**

One Give us wisdom to revere our mother earth;
Many **That we may be faithful stewards of her abundance.**

One Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows of others;
Many **That barriers which divide us may crumble
and we may live in justice and peace.**

The Collect of the Day

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, and, by the power of the Spirit, respond in your name to heal the afflicted and welcome the abandoned; for your sake and the sake of the gospel. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.

A General Thanksgiving

All together

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make Christ known;
and through Christ, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

Hymn – Spirit divine, attend our prayers (Nun danket all und bringet) 1982 #509

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has five lines of lyrics, and the second system has five lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;
5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;

1 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!
2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.
3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.
4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.
5 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

Words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862) Music: *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*; melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

A Closing Prayer

Holy One, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and doubts and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Many **Thanks be to God.**