

October 18, 2020 - Order of Service

(Announcements)

Candle Lighting

We light a candle as a symbol of God's presence with us.

Opening Hymn: "Praise, My Soul" (CP 381)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

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.

Sung Gloria (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! *(repeat)*

Children's Focus

Song: "Silver and Gold Have I None"

Peter and John went to pray.
They met a lame man on the way
He asked for alms and held out his palms,
And this is what Peter did say

Silver and gold have I none,
But such as I have give I thee,
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

He went walking and leaping and praising God,
Walking and leaping and praising God,
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

The Collect

O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the powers and rulers of this world you alone may claim our loyalty and love. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23 (*Carmen Lake*)

Psalm 99 (*Rachel Eaton*)

The Lord reigns;

let the people tremble;

the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim;

let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion

and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome;

you are the Holy One.

“O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before the footstool of God;

the Lord is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon your name,

they called upon you, O Lord,

and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon the holy hill of God;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Glory to God,

Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (*George Ing*)

Gradual Hymn: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (CP 617)

1. **Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

5. **Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be:
In thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.**

The Holy Gospel (Bob McGall)

May God be with you.

And also with you

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Roberta Fraser

~ A minute of silence for reflection & prayer ~

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.

Prayers of the People (Donna Bishop)

The Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to share the abundance of divine love. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(short silence for reflection)

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(Please un-mute your own mic to share in greeting one another with a blessing of peace)

The Offering

With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

*~A moment of silence to reflect on your gratitude for what you have received
or to make your weekly pledge online.~*

Offertory Hymn: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (VU 509)

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Blessing Over the Gifts

**Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace.
In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “You Call Us Out to Praise You” (CP 600)

**1. You call us out to praise you, one God for all the earth;
together in communion, and treasure human worth;
we are your living story, to hear and to be heard;
we praise your name, who write us, the Writer and the Word.**

**3. The church that speaks forgiveness confesses its own need;
the church that feels its hunger finds grace to care and feed;
our famished world is crying, its future filled with dread;
we praise your name, who fill us, the Baker and the Bread.**

**5. Our feeble voices struggle to sing your justice clear;
the world has sunk in silence, each discord echoes fear.
One voice alone is ragged; together, we are strong;
we praise your name, who breathe us, the Singer and the Song.**

The Dismissal *(Bob McGall)*

Go into the world in peace, loving and serving God in all you do. **Thanks be to God.**