

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ NOVEMBER 8, 2020

THE PRELUDE Folk Tune on "Dream Angus" C. Tambling (1964-2015)
THE INTROIT Ain'-a That Good News arr. W. Dawson (1899-1990)
THE OPENING HYMN 776 O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *Azmon*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Kneeling, officiant and people together*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*Standing*)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips. *People* ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

CANTICLE, HYMN 609 *Venite, exultemus Domino* R. Goodson

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 70 (*Standing, read in unison*)

¹Hasten, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD. ²Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my life; let them be turned back and put to confusion who wish me evil. ³Let them be soon brought to shame who cry over me, "Aha! Aha!" ⁴But let all those who seek you be joyful and glad in you; and let all who delight in your salvation say always, "The LORD be praised." ⁵As for me, I am poor and in misery; hasten to me, O God. ⁶You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON *After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.*** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

CANTICLE, HYMN 197 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Picardy*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

THE SECOND LESSON

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:1-13

THE SERMON HYMN 4

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!

Greenland

Rejoice, rejoice, believers! And let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near; go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins, now raise your voices higher, until in songs of triumph ye meet the angel choir.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory! The bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption and every be with thee!

THE SERMON

Watch Therefore

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Standing, said by all*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** *All kneeling, officiant and people pray in the words of The Lord's Prayer.*

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; **and grant us thy salvation.** Endue thy ministers with righteousness; **and make thy chosen people joyful.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in thee can we live in safety.** Lord, keep this nation under thy care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.** Let thy way be known upon earth; **thy saving health among all nations.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.** Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, A COLLECT FOR PEACE, A COLLECT FOR GRACE

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy." The people respond, "Hear our prayer."

A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*Remaining kneeling, all in unison*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**)

CHORAL OFFERING

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

George Herbert (1593-1633)

THE DOXOLOGY AND PATRIOTIC HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *continuing with*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 579

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
While answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
As warriors through the darkness toil, till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude in C minor, BWV 549

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)