

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ AUGUST 30, 2020

THE PRELUDE

Attende Domine (Hearken, O Lord)

Jeanne Demessieux

THE INTROIT

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE OPENING HYMN 336

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

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 607

Venite, exultemus Domino

R. Tomlinson

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 26 (*Standing, read in unison*)

¹ *Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.* ² *Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.* ³ *For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.*

⁴ *I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.* ⁵ *I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.* ⁶ *I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,* ⁷ *proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.* ⁸ *O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.* ⁹ *Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,* ¹⁰ *in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.* ¹¹ *But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.* ¹² *My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord. 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.**

Romans 12:1-8

CANTICLE

O Light of Life

Mack Wilberg

THE SECOND LESSON

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

Matthew 16:21-27

THE SERMON HYMN

Take Up Your Cross

Bourbon

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877) Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

THE SERMON

Take Up Your Cross

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

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

Give Us the Wings of Faith

Ernest Bullock

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

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in D major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach