

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

July 5th 2020

Call to Worship and Approach to God. *You are invited to light a candle.*

From the rising of the sun
till its setting in the West,
God’s holy name be praised.
On the lips of children,
by babies at the breast,
God’s holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old
and the dreaming of the young,
God’s holy name be praised.
In the banquet hall of heaven
and in earth’s gifts of bread and wine,
Let everything that has breath praise God.

❖ Hymn 93

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

3 He, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

4 All things living he doth feed;
his full hand supplies their need:
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

5 He his chosen race did bless
in the wasteful wilderness:
*for his mercies aye endure
ever faithful, ever sure.*

6 Let us then, with gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

❖ **Prayer of approach** ending with the Lord’s Prayer:
(say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

The Word of God

❖ **Children’s address**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 11:16-30

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

❖ **Music in worship:** “Come unto Him” from *Messiah* - G.F. Handel
Persephone Abbott, soprano

❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 759** Come to me, come to me,
weak and heavy laden;
trust in me, lean on me.
I will give you rest.

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ Prayer of dedication

❖ Hymn 461

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing Treas'ry filled
With boundless stores of grace!
4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

❖ The Apostles' Creed:

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 the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ Narrative of the Institution and the Invitation

❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

Lift up your hearts

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

and also with you...

we lift them up to the Lord...

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

❖ Prayer of Consecration

... with earth and sea and sky and all the heavenly host we join in singing (Hymn 651):
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

❖ Eating the bread and drinking the wine

❖ Prayer

❖ Hymn 540

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank'
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found'
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Blessing:

Go in peace to love and to serve God;
and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.