



EVERYONE
THEREFORE WHO
ACKNOWLEDGES
ME BEFORE
OTHERS, I ALSO
WILL ACKNOWLEDGE
BEFORE MY
FATHER IN HEAVEN.
—MATTHEW 10

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

21 June 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

Concerning Today's Service

It has been determined that singing, since it projects the human voice, is an activity which enhances the spread of viral particles. Our use of music in the liturgy is being curtailed. When music is included, care has been taken to prepare and execute it in the most careful manner possible. Please sing along at home.

Prelude

Opening Hymn 423 “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise: Hymn 5 “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”

- 1 O splendor of God's glory bright, O thou that bringest light from light,
O Light of Light, light's living spring, O Day, all days illumining,
- 2 O thou true Sun of heavenly love, pour down thy radiance from above:
the Spirit's sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.
- 3 With prayer the Father we implore: O Father, glorious evermore,
we plead with thee for grace and power to conquer in temptation's hour.
- 4 to guide whate'er we nobly do, with love all envy to subdue,
and give us grace our wrongs to bear, to make ill-fortune turn to fair.
- 5 All laud to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son, to thee;
all glory to the Spirit raise in equal and unending praise.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 *read in unison*

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Romans 6:1b-11

The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Canticle *A Song of Judith*

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *

rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you,*
you continue to show mercy.

Judith 16:13-16

The Holy Gospel -

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthem. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.]

Matthew 10:24-39

The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

*After each petition the leader concludes: Lord, hear our prayer.
And everyone responds: **And let our cry come to you.***

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem *Hide Not Thou Thy Face* Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and
cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; For we
confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our
unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us
from all our sins. - *Psalm 27:10*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 527 "Singing Songs of Expectation"

- 1 Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.
- 2 One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
- 3 One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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