

Morning Prayer

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

Preparatory Prayer

Officiant invites the people to a moment of silent prayer to prepare for the day's service.

“Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.” (*Psalms 100:2b-3*)

Opening Song

“Trust His Heart”

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Verse 1

All things work for our good
Though sometimes we can't see how they could
Struggles that break our hearts in two
Sometimes blind us to the truth
Our Father knows what's best for us
His ways are not our own
So when your pathway grows dim
And you just can't see Him
Remember He's still on the throne

Chorus

God is too wise to be mistaken
God is too good to be unkind
So when you don't understand
When you don't see His plan
When you can't trace His hand
Trust His heart

Verse 2

He sees the master plan
He holds the future in His hands
Don't live as those who have no hope
All our hope is found in Him
We see the present clearly
But He sees the first and the last
And like a tapestry He's weaving you and me
To someday be just like Him

Bridge

He alone is faithful and true
He alone knows what is best for you

Ending

When you don't understand
When You don't see His plan
When you can't trace His hand
Trust His heart

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

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 neighbors 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.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Responsorial Psalm

Officiant Let us stand and read the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 34:15-22

- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷*The righteous* cry out, and the LORD hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.
- ¹⁹Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous,
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- ²⁰He guards all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.
- ²¹Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous shall be ^[c]condemned.
- ²²The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,
And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

All say

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson

Officiant Please sit for the lesson.

Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁸“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, “These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: ¹⁹“I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. ²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. ²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. ²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. ²⁴ “Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have

this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. ²⁵ But hold fast what you have till I come. ²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—²⁷ ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’— as I also have received from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Wake Up! Church, Wake Up!”

The Sermon (<https://youtu.be/cCEHrTqVii0>)

The Creed

Officiant Please stand for the Apostle’s Creed.

All stand to declare

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 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 from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.

From there 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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Feel free to include specific prayers before saying the versicle (V) or take this time to pray spontaneously for the church, the world, and everything that comes to mind.

Father, we pray for those who are physically sick and ill, mentally anxious and depressed, and emotionally-drained caused by the pandemic. We remember them in our prayers right now...

V. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Father, You are our strength, our rock and our fortress, our great Deliverer – in whom we take refuge. You are worthy to be praised. (Psalm 18:2-3)

V. Day by day we bless You;

R. We praise Your name for ever.

Father, as we continue to live our earthly lives, we humbly ask that our hearts be always pure, our minds vigilant, and our eyes fixed on You. Guide each of our steps in life.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Father, may we never lose sight of how deep and great Your love for us is. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your love for those who fear You. (Psalm 103:11)

V. Lord, show us Your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in You.

Father, we greatly rejoice knowing that we are Your chosen generation, Your own special people whom You have called out of darkness into Your marvelous light. May we share Your light of hope to those who need it the most.

V. In You, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

Moment of Silence

Officiant closes with the following collect

Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Missions

All together

God, You have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent Your blessed Son to die and rise for those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after You and find You; bring the nations into Your fold; pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Prayer

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all blessings, we sincerely thank You for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for the immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that, with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may say a few words to greet the people at this point

Closing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:13)

Announcements

Closing Song

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

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Verse 1

Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me
Spirit divine! Spirit divine!

Verse 2

Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my ears illumine me
Spirit divine! Spirit divine!

Verse 3

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere

Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my heart illumine me
Spirit divine! Spirit divine!

Silent Prayer