Office of Morning Prayer:
The Sundays in Creationtide

September 13th, 2020
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Morning Prayer

Instrumental Introit

“At 10:00 am

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680 (multiple translators)

“Lobe den Herren” 1685, harm. 1863

Opening Sentence

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

– Psalm 43:4

Kyrie Confession

You delight in creation, its color and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonor God’s holy name.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity in word and deed.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.
Opening Versicle

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm

Psalm 100 – Saint Helena Psalter

God’s mercy is everlasting; Come let us adore God.

May all lands be joyful before you, O God,*
serve with gladness
and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God;*
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise,*
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
For you are good;
your mercy is everlasting;*
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

God’s mercy is everlasting; Come let us adore God.

The Psalm appointed for the Day

Psalm 103:8-13 – Saint Helena Psalter

8  You are full of compassion and mercy,*
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9  You will not always accuse us,*
nor will you keep your anger for ever.
10 You have not dealt with us according to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.
12 As far as the east is from the west,*
so far have you removed our sins from us.
13 As a parent cares for a child,*
so do you care for those who fear you.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
First Lesson

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15   The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
    for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
    the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
    in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
    he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
    and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
    and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
    for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
    to Abraham and his children for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
The Second Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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The Sermon

A period of silence follows

Ms. Mary Balmana
As children of God, we affirm:
That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and that
in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and
suffered on our behalf, and that
through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice,
reconciliation and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit
can always find a way;
therefore we seek to be a people filled
with God’s Spirit:
discerning, loving, and transforming our world. Amen.
God is with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

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.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
The Collects

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Grandfather, look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way. We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way. Grandfather, Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor that we may heal the earth and heal each other. Amen.

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"Ojibway Prayer” Earth Prayers from Around the World

The Intercessions

After each bidding you may offer your own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Officiant: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

As you moved over the deep at the beginning of creation, breathe new life into the earth and its creatures. Come Holy Spirit, renew us with your power.

As you led the people of God through the wilderness into the land of promise, guide and strengthen us to become the beloved community you desire for all people. Come Holy Spirit, renew us with your power.

You bestowed on your prophets of old a mantle of courage to imagine a future beyond injustice, grant us the boldness to hope when we are tempted to despair. Come Holy Spirit, renew us with your power.

Through gentle touch and holy oil you bestowed the gift of healing on your servants, may we share your healing balm with all who suffer, especially Annie, Derek, Michelle, Kelly, Jim, Martha, Elena, Richard, Patty, Cole,... Come Holy Spirit, renew us with your power.

You descended upon Jesus at his baptism, driving him into the desert to be discover his vocation; inspire us to claim our share in the work of repairing the world. Come Holy Spirit, renew us with your power.

You raised up Jesus from the grave, breaking death’s chain and liberating us from the tomb of fear; may those who have died share your infinite life, especially Norm, John R. Gregg, Evaline Hitz Rodehamel, Sherrie McGreevy, Rosa Paramo... Come Holy Spirit, renew us with your power, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.
Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

at 10:00 am

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,

[Refrain]: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, God the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One [Refrain]

Dismissal

Holy God, you are always with us.

Open our eyes to your presence.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory
to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen. 

- Ephesians 3:20,21
I wish I knew how
It would feel to be free
I wish I could break
All the chains holding me
I wish I could say
All the things that I should say
Say ‘em loud, say ‘em clear
For the whole round world to hear

I wish I could share
All the love that’s in my heart
Remove all the bars
That keep us apart
I wish you could know
What it means to be me
Then you’d see and agree
That every man should be free

I wish I could give
All I’m longin’ to give
I wish I could live
Like I’m longin’ to live
I wish I could do
All the things that I can do
And though I’m way over due
I’d be starting anew

Well I wish I could be
Like a bird in the sky
How sweet it would be
If I found I could fly
Oh I’d soar to the sun
And look down at the sea

Then I’d sing ‘cause I know, yea
Then I’d sing ‘cause I know, yea
Then I’d sing ‘cause I know
I’d know how it feels
Oh I know how it feels to be free

Yea yea! Oh, I know how it feels
Yes I know, oh, I know
How it feels
How it feels
To be free, Lord, Lord, Lord
Serving Today

Officiant
The Rev. John Kirkley
Preacher
Mary Balmana
Music Director
Fred Goff
8a.m. 1st Lesson
Mary Ann Buxton-Krag
8a.m. 2nd Lesson
Ed Wilcox
8a.m. Gloria, Creed, Responses
Carla Borsoi
8a.m. Prayer Bidder
Sally Winn
10a.m. 1st Lesson
Petrina Grube
10a.m. 2nd Lesson
Sarah Fedai
10a.m. Gloria, Creed, Responses
Jim Gregg
10a.m. Prayer Bidder
Noreen Gregg
10a.m. Healing Prayer
Rose Scarff

Please pray for these recent additions to the St. James Prayer List:

Annie, Derek, Michelle, Kelly, Jim, Martha, Elena, Richard, Patty, Cole,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Norm
John R. Gregg
Evaline Hitz Rodehamel
Sherrie McGreevy
Rosa Paramo