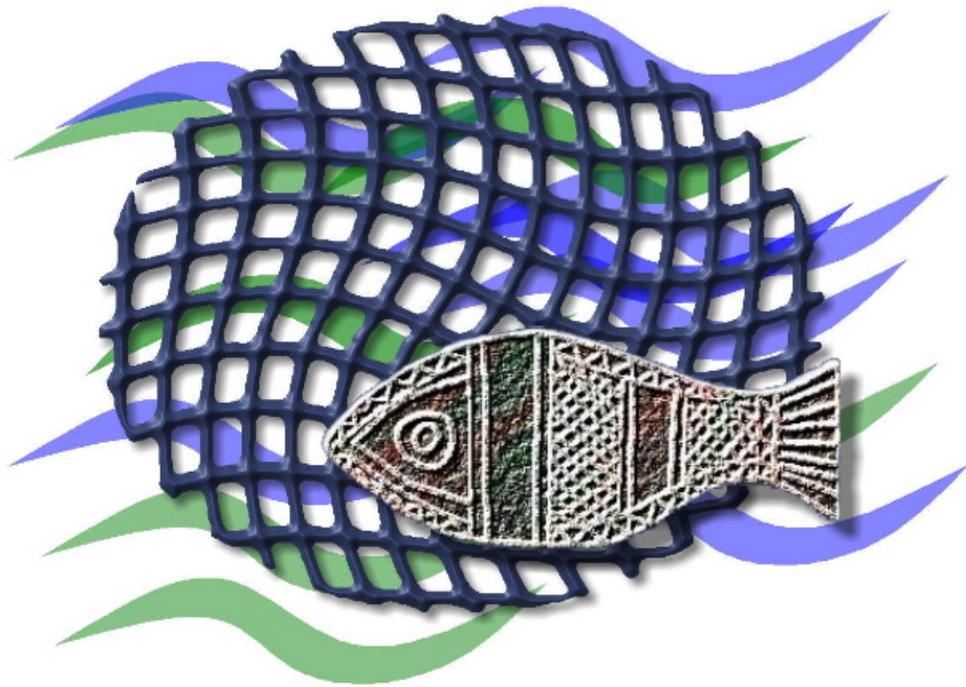


St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico
Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Allemande (Partita in A Minor)

J. S. Bach

David Tayler - lute

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THE HYMN #470

There's a wideness in God's mercy
National Cathedral, Washington



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Rev. John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COLLECT

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

THE PSALM

Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

THE SEQUENCE #446

Praise to the Holiest in the height

(no citation given)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Mac Brown



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All who are one in faith are invited to pray the Spiritual Communion
with the congregation of St. James.

THE OFFERTORY

Glorioso

David Archuleta

One Voice Children's Choir, Masa Fukuda - director



There are moments in this life
That you don't understand where you are going.
More if you listen, you will discover - your way. You will see.
In the silence, you will be able to hear it.

Like the symphony, if you listen to it,
And you will understand which part you will play.
All already contribute the melodies that - in each one there are.
Oh, oh, oh, Glorious is it.

You'll know the way to resonate
By discovering who you are.
Other people will wake up
To the sounds of the heart
It is amazing what you are creating.

Like the symphony, if you listen to it,
And you will understand which part you will play.
All already contribute the melodies that - in each one there are.
Oh, oh, oh, Glorious is it.

As you feel the notes grow, you will see.

Like the symphony, if you listen to it.
And you will understand which part you will play
All already contribute the melodies that - in each one there are.
Oh, oh, oh, Glorious is it.

Like the symphony, if you listen to it.
And you will understand which part you will play
All already contribute the melodies that - in each one there are.
Oh, oh, oh, Glorious is it.

Like the symphony, if you listen to it.
Oh, oh, oh, Glorious is it.

During this time in which we cannot gather physically,
it is important that we continue our support of the St. James Ministries.

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to help St. James continue the good work it has already begun.

*The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume
the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability,
the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457).*

*When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible,
this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself
with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.*

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

*In your own words, pray for your own needs, for those on your heart,
for the peace of the world, and for the Church.
After offering these intercessions, continue with*

The Act of Contrition

O God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and for all the wrongs I have done and the good I have not done. Especially I confess....Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life. Amen.

The Act of Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing

separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. Amen.

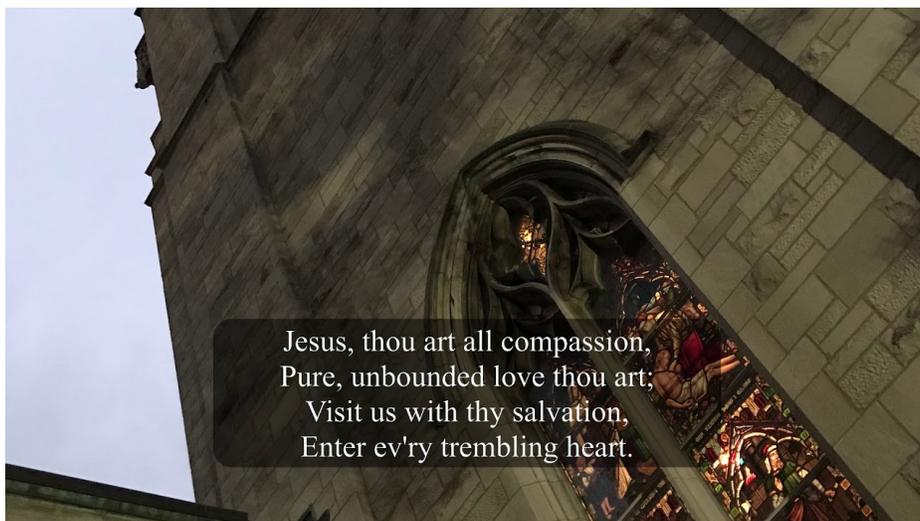
THE PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE HYMN #657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude & Ciacona in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Ton Koopman - organ, Norden, Germany, Arp Schnitger organ, built in 1686





Those persons who need our prayers, love, and support

Iris, Genie, Sandy, John, Rosemary, Marieke, Doug, Bill, Michael, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Sue, Ben, Elaine, Alexandra, Susanne, William, Nina, Jerry, Gretchen, Xavier, RC, Jack, Charlie, Zack, Julia, Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo, Tim, Caryle, Roy

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, esp.
Iris Fresquez, Anna Mae Patterson, Marcia Oliver, Jean Richards,
Steven Reeder, Elvira & Jesse Martinez.

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