



Wednesday@12 OnLine

June 17, 2020 *WE GATHER ON ZOOM* to be in community and to share thoughts and reflections on the readings scheduled for the coming Sunday service. The service starts with praise to God. Then we read the three readings, taking turns serving as readers. Third, we pray for each other and the world. When this service can be held in person, Holy Communion comes next. At this time, however, we will simply shift from formal readings to informal discussion and conversation. Feel free to provide yourself with coffee or tea while we chat. Welcome!

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gracious 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 Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Open our lips, O God,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Be joyful, and serve God with gladness,

and come before God's presence with a song.

Let us enter this sacred moment with thanksgiving,

and come into God's presence with praise.

God is good; God's mercy is everlasting;

and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

O God of compassion, whose heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; who takes our lack and transforms it into much: give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, that our lives may be freed to share your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread.

Amen.

Three Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

You fooled me, God, and I let myself be fooled.
You were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All day long, I am an object of laughter. Everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
proclaiming violence and desolation.
The word of God has brought me derision and reproach all day long.
I say to myself, "I will not mention God,
nor will I speak in the Name of God any more."
But then it becomes like fire bursting in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
I grow weary holding it in,
I cannot endure it.
Yes, I hear the whispering of many,
"Terror all around!
Denounce him!
Let us denounce Jeremiah!"
All who were my friends
are watching for any misstep.
They say, "Perhaps he will trip up,
then we can get the better of him
and take our vengeance on him."
But God is with me, like a mighty champion.
My persecutors will trip up;
they will not triumph.
They will be put to utter shame,
to lasting, unforgettable disgrace.
God Omnipotent, you who test the just,
who probe both mind and heart,
let me witness the vengeance you take on them,
for to you I have entrusted my cause.
Sing to God, praise to God,
for God has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the corrupt!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

Middle Reading: Late Results, by Scott Cairns

We wanted to confess our sins but there were no takers.

—Milosz

And the few willing to listen demanded that we confess on television.
So we kept our sins to ourselves, and they became less troubling.

The halt and the lame arranged to have their hips replaced.
Lepers coated their sores with a neutral foundation, avoided strong light.

The hungry ate at grand buffets and grew huge, though they remained hungry.
Prisoners became indistinguishable from the few who visited them.

Widows remarried and became strangers to their kin.
The orphans finally grew up and learned to fend for themselves.

Even the prophets suspected they were mad, and kept their mouths shut.
Only the poor—who are with us always—only they continued in the hope.

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Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said, "A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader.

"If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household!

"Don't let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops.

"Don't fear those who can deprive the body of life but can't destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna.

“Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God’s knowledge. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So don’t be afraid of anything—you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven.

“Don’t suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword. I have come to turn, ‘a son against his father, a daughter against her mother, in-law against in-law. One’s enemies will be the members of one’s own household.’

“Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me are not worthy of me. Those who will not carry with them their own cross—following in my footsteps—are not worthy of me. “You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your life for my sake will find it.”

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The Prayers of the People

The Lord be 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.**

*Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like “Papa.” Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord’s Prayer.

Although Trinity often uses different interpretations of the Lord’s Prayer when we worship, today we use the traditional version to express our trust that we are one with God and all people around the world and throughout history.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; including members of all religions; the people and leadership of The Episcopal Church; and the community of Trinity. Let us pray for all who seek the beauty of holiness.

Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray for equity, mutual regard, and peace.

Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, who struggle in poverty or under oppression, and for those who care for them. Let us pray for those in any need or trouble.

Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers

I ask your prayers for all who seek to practice their spirituality, and live more nearly according to their values. Let us pray for us all.

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I ask your prayers for those who have died, and for those who grieve the absent. Let us pray for the grieving and the dead.

Please feel free to voice the names of those in your prayers

And now, let us give thanks to God for the abundance of our lives.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

Holy Conversation