

Facebook Live Worship Outline

Pentecost 13 - 30 August 2020

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN EVLW #710 *Let Streams of Living Justice*

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let the poor have their worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power:
abolish ancient vengeance; proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together: knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour, our homeland brightly gleams,
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untied;
your truth the heart of stranger; your life the Crucified.

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

C: **Praise the Lord!**

P: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

C: **Let us worship God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD

FIRST READING

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behaviour. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people. Reading from Paul's Letter to the church in Rome, the 12th chapter:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12: 9-21

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16) Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock." This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind

me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 16: 21-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **EV LW # 808** *Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song*

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go.
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: As we gather separately and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world, responding to each petition with the words, "In your steadfast love, receive our prayer."

Caring for the church around the world, we pray —
for a spirit of ecumenical cooperation,

for the health of congregations during this difficult time,
for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, God our Saviour;
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

Seeing before us your good creation, we pray —
for the repair of what we have harmed,
for polar ice,
for lands dealing with oppressive heat,
for fields ravaged by storms and fires. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, God our Creator:
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

Facing so many international problems we pray —
for the strengthening of democracies,
for peaceful resolutions to conflicts,
for the people of Belarus, Lebanon, and Yemen,
for researchers seeking a vaccine,
for racial justice within our nation,
for our legislators to assist the lives of the poor,
for an ethical election campaign. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, God our mighty Fortress;
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

Surrounded by people with great and hidden need we pray —
for families frightened by the uncertain future,
for those whose homes have burned down,
for students deprived of effective education,
for refugees and for prisoners. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, God our Hope,
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

Aware of all who are sick and suffering we pray —
for all who are facing the coronavirus,
for those without medical care,
for those we remember here before you. . .

We remember Ferolyn, Angela, Jordan, Grace, Dorothy, Carol, Barb, Elethia, Pat and for all
those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts.

A brief silence.

Hear us, God our Healer;
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

Confident of your love for us, we pray also for ourselves:

A longer period of silence.

Hear us, God our Friend;
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

Mindful of all who have gone before us in the faith, we offer our thanks —
for all the saints famous and forgotten,
for medical workers who have died of the virus,
for friends and family we have loved,
for the promise of everlasting life with you. . .

A brief silence.

Hear us, God our Homeland;
In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

P: And now as our Saviour Jesus has taught us we are bold to 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

P: Touched, changed, called and empowered,
go now in the power and provision of Christ to heal the sick,
feed the hungry, and serve the world.

God the creator, Jesus ✝ the Christ,

and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG **EvLW #783** ***Praise and Thanks and Adoration***

1. Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God to you we give,
for you chose to serve creation, died that sinners all might live.
Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way; faithful let me day by day
follow where your steps are leading, find adventure, joys exceeding!

2. Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and strife;
through my laughter and my weeping, lift me to a nobler life.
Draw my fervent love to you; constant hope and faith renew
in your birth, your life and passion, in your death and resurrection.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God.**