

Facebook Live Worship Outline

Pentecost 14 - 6 September 2020

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **EvLW #772** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.

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:** Praise the Lord!
- C:** **Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,**
- P:** for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
- C:** **Let the faithful sing for joy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to trust in your judgements so that we may do your will by loving you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray.
- C:** **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us. Reading from Paul’s Letter to the church in Rome, the 13th chapter:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:8-14

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

GOSPEL

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals - and the church as a whole - should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another. This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

- 1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
O God, you know all that we think or do,
you know the pain we put each other through.

Refrain

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

- 2 Help us to put aside the angry word,
the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.
Teach us the way in which love best is served. *Refrain*
- 3 You did not even spare your only Son.
He lived our griefs and bore all evil done,
but through his cross, redemption has been won. *Refrain*
- 4 God, when we suffer all that we can bear,
then let us know that you in truth are near
and will not leave us lost in all our fear. *Refrain*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: Drawn together by the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "Hear us and help us." *(Pause)*

Unite your church, O God. Give to all the baptized the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships and interracial cooperation among the churches. Guide the work of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the World Council of Churches.

A brief silence.

O God, Leader of the church, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways to live that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Give to the animals the habitat they need for life. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution.

A brief silence.

O God, Creator of the earth, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Bless the nations, O God. Frustrate the designs of dictators. Give to the military a clear and moral purpose. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward the well-being of all. Infuse the coming election season with honesty and integrity.

A brief silence.

O God, Governor of the world, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give employment to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labour. Help us to love our neighbours in and through our work.

A brief silence.

O God, Guardian of all peoples, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Guide our civil discourse, O God. Alert us to social evils and show our nation how to end the patterns of racial injustice. Accompany all are endeavouring to bring about a renewed society. Curb the violence in our cities.

A brief silence.

O God, Haven of righteousness, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Tend to all in need, O God. Assist all friends and family members who are seeking restored relationships. Give community to the lonely and welcome to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit. In this season of Pentecost we pray for: Ferolyn, Jordan, Pat, Carol, Beryl, Barb, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts..

A brief silence.

O God, Physician of the sick, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Receive once again, O God, our plea for the end of the coronavirus. Comfort those afflicted with COVID-19 and uphold our medical workers. Give youth a sense of responsibility for others and provide the world a vaccine.

A brief silence.

O God, Healer in times of plague, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

Hear each one of us, O God, as we pray now for ourselves.

A longer period of silence.

O God, Lover of us all, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation.

A brief silence.

O God, Eternal One, in your mercy,
hear us and help us.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; 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

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!
C: **Thanks be to God.**