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This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday June 14, 2020

|The Preparation & Gathering|

“Blessed Assurance”

FRANCES CROSBY (1820 - 1915)/ PHOEBE KNAPP (1839 - 1908)

Prelude

Played on the harp

“Praise to the Lord”

Opening Hymn ¶ All sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QQezNMfaL4>

The Call to Worship

Presbyter We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!
People **Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!**
Presbyter Jesus offers a new commandment, that we should love each other.
People **With the incredible power and depth of God's love for us we must love one another.**
Presbyter Come, children of God, let us love one another.

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

2 Samuel 9. 6

Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am? Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I

Reflections on 1 St John 4. 7

God is the source and the definition of love. God is love. God loves as the sun shines: love expresses who God is. 1 John emphasizes that God's love is not some abstract concept. It is passion expressed in action. God made love real and present by sending Jesus to live among us and to die for us.

God continues to show us love through Jesus' life-giving presence among us. If ever we should question whether God truly does love us, the gift and witness of the Holy Spirit confirmed it once more: we are God's beloved. God's love does not depend on our initiative or on our worthiness. If we love others as God has loved us, there can be no boundaries. God's love, made visible and present in Jesus, is the source for the love we share with others. Jesus ignored the limits that religious communities imposed.

We are called to open ourselves to God's love so that God can love others through us.

~ Excerpted from a commentary by REV. DR. JUDITH JONES

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have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

Psalm 119: 1 - 8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9MXzxmFSn4>

The Epistle

I St John 4. 7 - end

BELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us; because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment: he that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

The Holy Gospel

St Luke 16. 19 - end

JESUS said, There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried: and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life-time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

All recite The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

“His eye is on the sparrow”

Prayer Song
[View in YouTube service link](#)



Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Words: CIVILLA MARTIN (1866 - 1948) • Music: CHARLES GABRIEL (1856 - 1932)

|The Prayers of the People|

O God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the coronavirus. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Heal our self-centeredness and indifference, open ways beyond timidity and fear that too easily ignore our neighbour. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer**

Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions. Protect and guard all those who must travel. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. Hear our cry, O God, **Listen to our prayer.**

Remember all your family, the entire human race, and all your creation, in your love. **Amen!**

|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly “eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,

although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”



|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyter

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

“Count your many blessings”

Hymn at the Closing

View in YouTube service link

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

*Refrain: Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Words: JOHNSON OATMAN Jr. (1856 - 1922)
Music: EDWIN EXCELL (1851 - 1921)

The Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Trumpet & organ

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for: † an end to the pandemic and a return to normalcy.
† our country and city. May the number of cases reduce.
† God's hand of protection on all doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and essential service providers.
† all scientists and pharmaceutical companies as they work towards finding a vaccine.
† the worshipping community here at the Cathedral; especially those who at this time are separated from their loved ones. We give thanks to God for the gift of a child to Martina (*daughter of Helen & Pon Pandian*).
† the security guards in the Cathedral. They have been away from their families since the lockdown began.
† in the Diocese: for the Church of the Good Shepherd in Dharavi and the Revd William James.
† the Church of North India's Diocese of Patna and the Most Rt Revd Dr. P. Marandih (*former Moderator*)
† the Church of South India's Diocese of Tirunelveli and the Rt Revd J. Christdoss.
† the Church of the Province of Myanmar in the Anglican Communion and the Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo (*Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon*.)

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Zara Jadhav (16), Kiaan Millns (16), Aiden Millns (16),
Bhaskar Ghose (17), Sheila Paul (18), Shashikant Salvi (19)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Sathya & Angelina Godson (17)

Bank details to make your online offering and payment for your membership

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Zooming INTO the church from home!

Sunday morning 10 am zoom online payer and fellowship.
Sunday school classes on Sun @ 11:15 am on zoom.
Youth Fellowship on Sun @ 7:30 pm on zoom.
Women's Fellowship prayer cycle @ 6pm daily.
Online recording of the choir's singing.
Classes on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers on Sat @ 5pm.