

Wednesday Prayers

June 10, 2020
11:30 a.m.



Welcome!

We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

Everything you need to follow along with the broadcast is contained in this bulletin.

THE INVITATORY

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson – Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please take a minute to reflect upon God's Word.

Psalm – 29 *read responsively by half verse*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *

all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *

the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *

the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson – Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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THE PRAYERS AND CONFESSION

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Officiant For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Officiant For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Officiant For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Officiant For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Officiant For all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Officiant For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Officiant We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence – The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Officiant We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Officiant We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Officiant

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and ever living God, whose steadfast love is with us in times of trouble: Guide this nation and its people during this time of uncertainty and fear; give wisdom and mercy to our leaders as they seek to protect the health and welfare of thy people; strengthen our resolve to love and serve one another; and keep this nation under your care through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve those who are sick, including those affected by the coronavirus; give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and comforted by your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious Father, we remember before you the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, the prisoners and captives and all who care for them, that your will for them may be fulfilled and that they may share with all of your saints in your eternal kingdom, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Officiant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *said by all*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**