

AUGUST DIOCESEAN VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

July 26, 2020

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

worship led by Bishop Mark Van Koevering and the people of the Mountain Region

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO: THE WORD OF GOD

A service of ante communion, beginning with the Penitential Order

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

August 30, 2020

Prelude:

"Jesus Christ, Our Risen Savior"
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

Edwin Langford, Organist and Choirmaster
(St. Mary's, Middlesboro)

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be my disciple, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me."

Confession of Sin

The Ven. Bryant Kibler
(St. Timothy's, Barnes Mountain)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.**

Song of Praise:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"
(Henri A. Cesar Malan)

Ascension Mt. Sterling Quarantine Bells
(Sallie Razor, Julia Waller, and April Eling)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Grant in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus [3:1-15]

*David Jennings
(St. Thomas, Beattyville)*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105 [1-6, 23-26, 45c]

Vocalist: Parker Boggs
Organist: Marye Campbell Boggs
(Christ Church, Harlan)

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

45 Hallelujah

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans
[12:9-21]**

Tom Vierheller
(St. James, Prestonsburg)

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one
another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope;

patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

**"Surely the Presence of the Lord
is in This Place"
(Lanny Wolfe)**

*Ascension Mt. Sterling Quarantine Choir
(Mike Barnard, Becky Priest, Julia Waller,
Jim Johnson, and Sallie Razor)*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
According to Matthew [16:21-28]**

*The Rev. Mary Kilbourn-Huey
(St. Mark's, Hazard)*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop of Lexington

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Seamus Ragsdale, Issy Jade Ragsdale, and Lisa Garrison
(St. John's Corbin)*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the Church: that we may be empowered by our relationships with the living Christ to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in our world full of suffering. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding bishop, and Mark, our bishop, and for all who minister in Christ's name. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all believers: that we may not be overcome by evil, but instead overcome evil with good and live in harmony with one another. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For sustaining Peace: that we may feel Christ's presence with us along life's journey and be comforted by the peace that Christ offers and that no one can diminish. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For a renewal of our hearts and minds: that the Spirit will inspire us to engage in prayer, share our resources with those in need without hesitation and participate in our communities more fully. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the gift of the Spirit upon the world: that God will breathe the Spirit upon the chaos of our society and upon its financial and political structures so that a new order which validates the dignity of each person may thrive. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us may God guide us to be good stewards and provide the wisdom and will to conserve it. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who struggle with doubts and fear: that Christ may comfort their hearts with peace and calm their fears. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all whose faith is challenged by violence, poverty, and the suffering of the innocent: that a new vision and hope of what God can do be revealed through the message of the resurrection. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick, especially those suffering from coronavirus, that God's renewing love will strengthen and comfort them, Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those working to eradicate systemic racism in our country: that God will give them courage to speak truth to power and encourage them as they face challenges. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For government leaders: especially our President and Congress as they consider ways to help those unemployed due to the pandemic that God will guide them in making good decisions. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died that God may receive them into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all the saints. Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who have been commended to our prayers. Please offer your prayers and intercessions at this time... Let us pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem:

**"Prayer of Francis of Assisi"
(Olive Dungan)**

*Judy Langford
(St. Mary's, Middlesboro)*

For the offering today, we invite you to give to your local faith community.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

And may God give you grace to follow His prophets in faith, justice, hope, and love, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn [Hymn 344]

**"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"
(Silician Mariners)**

*Clara Atkins-Pope, harp
(Christ Church, Harlan)*