

Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
=== *Morning Prayer* ===
The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost: November 8, 2020
Commitment Sunday / The Season of Stewardship
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

Opening Hymn – Gather #372, “O God of Matchless Glory,” v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:
O God of matchless glory,
Of all-surpassing worth,
You fill the world with wonder;
You bring the stars to birth.
To whom shall we sing praises?
To whom, O God, but you?
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
You are our God;
We belong to you.

Verse 2:
With Wisdom as your partner
You formed the earth and sea;
And still she calls the simple,
“Be wise and learn from me.”
Who else gives rest in labor?
Who else, O God, but you?
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
We share your yoke;
We belong to you.

Verse 3:
Your word gives life forever;
Our fear of death is stilled.
With living bread and water
Our deepest need is filled.
To whom shall we go seeking?
To whom, O God, but you?
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
You are our God;
We belong to you.

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All 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.*

Priest 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.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
Response And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100 Jubilate Deo*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

*For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

Psalm *Psalm 70 Deus, in adjutorium*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.*

*Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.*

*Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.*

*Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"*

*But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.*

*You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Old Testament – *Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16*

Reader:

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

The Epistle – *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Reader:

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

(See **Gradual** on next page . . .)

*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Response *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

Response *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

A Reflection – Rev. Lois

A Stewardship Testimonial – Elaine Glimme

13 The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Response ***And also with you.***
Officiant Let us pray.

All ***Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.***

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

Suffrage B

A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Doxology

All *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Reader: God of Peace, we are confronted with so many overwhelming needs in our world. Walk with us as we set aside our own desires and wants and join the call to alleviate human suffering. Transform these financial gifts we have made to Christ the Lord Church and our community into genuine acts of concern and ministry to others. In the name of the One who surpasses all understanding, we pray. **Amen.**

Moment of Gratitude: Paul Hsi, Stewardship Committee

Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.

A Prayer in Times of Conflict

Officiant O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Sound Government

A Reader leads and the People respond

Reader: O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People ***Lord, keep this nation under your care.***

Reader: To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

People ***Give grace to your servants, O Lord.***

Reader: To Senators and representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

People ***Give grace to your servants, O Lord.***

Reader: To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

People ***Give grace to your servants, O Lord.***

Reader: And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

People ***For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.***

A Collect for Mission

Reader: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.***

***We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.***

***And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,***

*and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [*KRIS-us-tum*]

Reader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn – Hymnal #490, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” v. 1 & 3

Verse 1:

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The Star of my life is Jesus. (*to Refrain*)

Verse 3:

I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (*to Refrain*)

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Don’t forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom! Check your email from Sandy for details.