

Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
=== *Morning Prayer* ===
The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost: August 23, 2020
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

Opening Hymn – Gather #379, “Sing a New Song to the Lord” v. 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1:

Sing a new song to the Lord,
He to whom wonders belong!
Rejoice in his triumph
and tell of his power,
O sing to the Lord a new song!

Verse 2:

Now to the ends of the earth
See his salvation is shown;
And still he remembers
his mercy and truth,
Unchanging in love to his own.

Verse 4:

Join with the hills and the sea
Thunders of praise to prolong!
In judgement and justice
He comes to the earth,
O sing to the Lord a new song!

Officiant The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

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 The mercy of the lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 Venite, exultemus*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

Psalm *Psalm 137 Confitebor tibi*

A Reader leads the recitation

Reader and People together

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.*

*I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;*

*For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.*

*When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.*

*All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.*

*They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.*

*Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.*

*The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.*

*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 – Isaiah 51:1-6

Reader:

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response ***Thanks be to God.***

The Epistle – Romans 12:1-8

Reader:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response *Thanks be to God.*

*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 16:13-20

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

Response *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

Response *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

A Reflection – Rev. Lois

10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quærite Dominum* Isaiah 55:6-11

A Reader leads the canticle recitation

Reader and People together

*Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;**
call upon him when he draws near.

*Let the wicked forsake their ways **
and the evil ones their thoughts;

*And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, **
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, **
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, **
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*For as rain and snow fall from the heavens **
and return not again, but water the earth,

*Bringing forth life and giving growth, **
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

*So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; **
it will not return to me empty;

*But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, **
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

*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.

Reader: Holy God, you call us to be made holy, to be made in your image. We trust in your generosity, and so are free to be generous ourselves, opening our hearts and sharing our treasure freely. Bless the gifts that we have made in support of Christ the Lord church and our community, thereby giving to the work of your church in our world. **Amen.**

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

A Prayer for the Parish

Officiant Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Our Country

Reader: Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought together here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Oppressed

Reader: Look with pity, O heavenly father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Reader: Lord God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 – Gather #534, “Many are the Lightbeams,” v. 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1:

Many are the lightbeams from the one light.
Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the lightbeams from the one light;
we are one in Christ.

Verse 2:

Many are the branches of the one tree.
Our one tree is Jesus.
Many are the branches of the one tree;
We are one in Christ.

Verse 3:

Many are the gifts giv’n, love is all one.
Love’s the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts giv’n, love is all one;
we are one in Christ.

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 live-streaming service,
11:00 am, through Zoom!

Check your email from Sandy for details.