

Divine Service 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

The Opening Hymn: 663 ss 1-5

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe, Well we know, Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

3 Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within, All our hopes to shatter;
Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing.
So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.

The Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a
true heart and confess our sins to God our
Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we
poor sinners confess to you that we are by
nature sinful and unclean and that we have
sinned against you by thought, word, and deed;
therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless
mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the
sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your
only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on
us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our
sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true
knowledge of you and of your will and true
obedience to your Word, to the end that by your
grace we may come to everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son
to die for you and for His sake forgives you
all your sins. As a called and ordained
servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

The Introit of the Day Ps 34:1; 4-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Gloria Patri

CONG: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

CONG: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

CONG: Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

PASTOR: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONG: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: NEHEMIAH 8:9-10

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Gradual PSALM 14:9, 19

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

The Epistle: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Verse MATTHEW 14:27

Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: ST. JOHN 14:1-7

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

4 And you know the way to where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Choir: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;

Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee, Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

The Nicene Creed (We Confess Together)

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, by 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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 Sermon Hymn: 737 ss. 1-7

1. Rejoice, my heart, by glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of everything, Your portion shall remain.
2. He is your treasure, he your joy, Your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.
3. Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.
4. Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?
5. He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down,
And all your sins he casts aside; In ocean depth to drown.
6. His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes
All that his counsels may ordain A blessèd ending makes.

7. Upon your lips, then, lay your hand And trust his guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand here and in heav'n above.

The Sermon: "For The Joy of The Lord Is Your Strength"

NEHEMIAH 8:9-10

The Offertory

CONG: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 733 ss 1-6

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night

Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

The Benediction

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord
make His face shine on you and be gracious
to you. The Lord look upon you with favor
and † give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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