



Morning Prayer
September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Announcements

Please stand as able for our opening song.

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior--tell them that he will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**

**the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Invitatory and Psalter

Please stand as able.

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
**And your glory all the day long. Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Please be seated.

Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine* (said in unison by all)

- 1 **Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.**
- 2 **Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.**
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.**
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,

so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song of the Wilderness

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly, *
and rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, *
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands, *
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, “Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you.”
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily

The Rev. Daniel McMillan

Painting Box

When the morning of your eyes comes waking through my shadows
Leaving just a trace of twilight sleep,
I whisper to the baby raindrops playing on my window
And tell them gently this is not the time that they should weep.

Refrain: For somewhere in my mind there is a painting box,
I have every color there it's true.
Just lately when I look inside my painting box,
I seem to pick the colors of you.

My Friday evening's foot-steps plodding dully through this black town,
Are far away now from the world that I'm in.
My eyes are listening to some sound that I think just might be springtime,
With daffodils between my toes I'm laughing at their whim. **Refrain**

The purple sail above catches all the strength of summer.
Fishes stop and ask me where I am bound.
I smile and shake my head and say my little ship is sinking,
But I kind of like the sea that I'm on, and I don't mind if I do drown. **Refrain**

Please stand as able.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who sleep outside, and those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; remembering especially those attending our parish retreat this weekend.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for all those who lift up their voices for justice and equity.

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

Blessing

God's Blessing be with us,
Christ's peace be with us,
the Spirit's outpouring be with us,
now and always. **Amen.**

For The Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love; brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Announcements

Tuesday Night Hunger Supper: We Need Volunteers

Our weekly meal service is a crucial piece of the puzzle in responding to the epidemic of homelessness in our city. To volunteer for this ministry is to take part in an offering of radical inclusion and transformative love. Email volunteer coordinator Amelia Leahy: info@standrewspb.org to get involved.

Ordination of Daniel McMillan

We are so happy to announce that the Rev. Daniel McMillan was ordained a deacon on Saturday (yesterday)! Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook, ordained him at St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego. This event marks the end of a long road of study, preparation, discernment and listening. It's also a new beginning with us! Congratulations, Deacon Daniel!

Interested in Baptism?

Are you or someone you know interested in getting baptized? Or, are you already baptized but interested in officially becoming an Episcopalian? We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, October 10. Some preparation is required to be baptized or to have your children baptized. Contact Mother Mary Lynn for more information: marylynn.standrewspb@gmail.com.