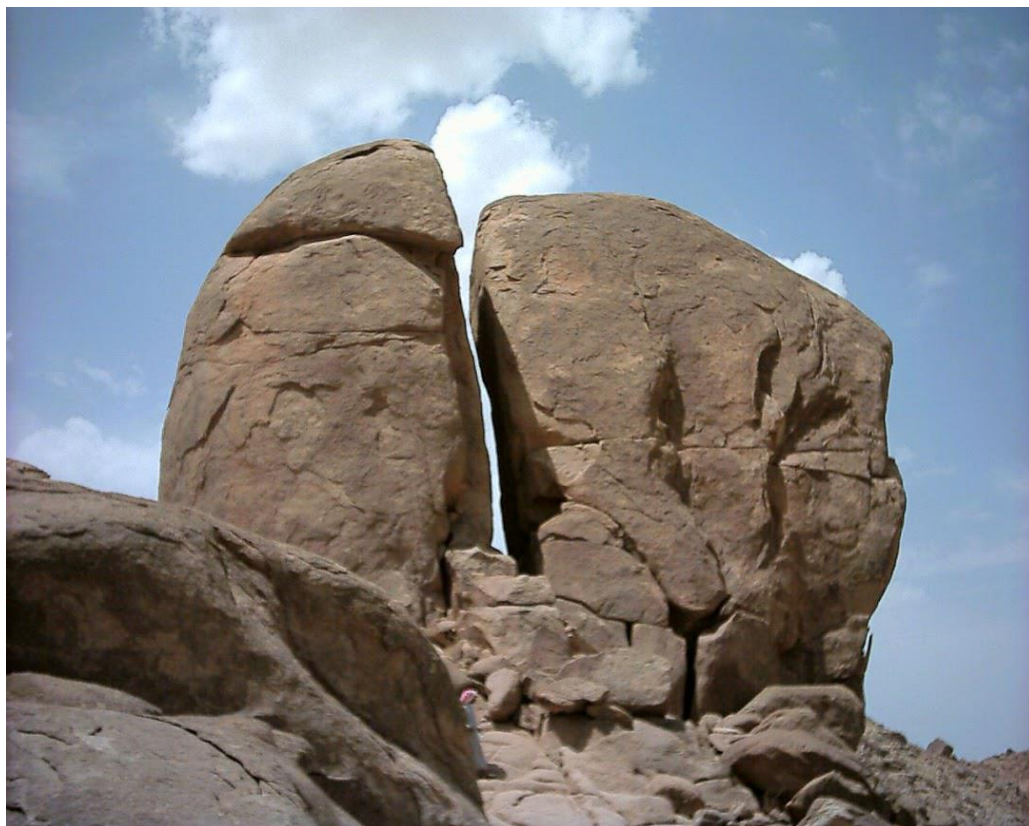




CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome!

September 27, 2020

Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Lighting of Candle(s) *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says*

Acolyte We light a candle to remind us of the light that came into this world with Jesus. It symbolizes the light of Christ.

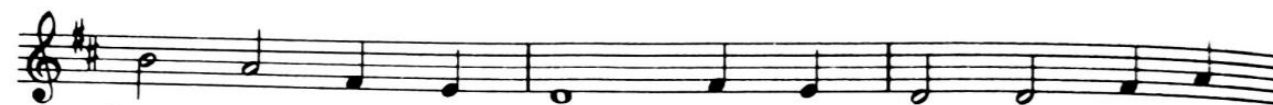
Opening Hymn #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

While on mute, please join in singing:



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



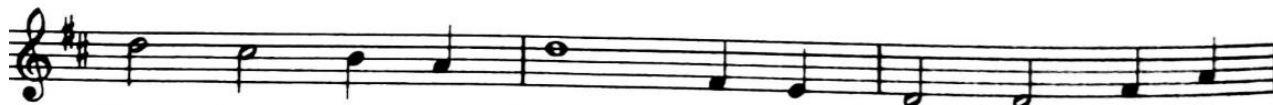
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

“Gloria Deo” from *Taizé: Songs for Prayer*

While on mute, please join in singing the following refrain:

The musical score is written for a solo voice and a tutti ensemble. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The solo part begins with the lyrics "Glo - rí - a De - o! Glo - rí - a" and continues with "in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o! Glo - rí - a,". The tutti part enters with the lyrics "Glo - rí - a De - o! 5. For" and concludes with "Last time". The score includes a repeat sign and a final double bar line.

Solo Glo - rí - a De - o! *Tutti* Glo - rí - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o!
De - o! Glo - rí - a,

glo - rí - a De - o! 5. For
Last time

Music: Joseph Gelineau, SJ
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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone the Lord, alone the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson – Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Epistle – Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Anthem

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*It is our salvation come here to us,
full of grace and pure goodness.
Deeds can never help,
they cannot protect us.
Faith beholds Jesus Christ,
He has done enough for us all,
He has become the Intercessor.*

*Although it appears that He does not will it,
do not be afraid;
for when He is most with you,
He does not reveal it.
Let His word be sure to you,
and, although your heart says only No,
do not let yourself despair.*

The Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Most Rev. Michael Curry

The Nicene Creed

Although this will be read by one person, you are invited to say the creed aloud at home while on mute.

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.

You are invited to unmute yourself and join in the Prayers of the People. If the tech moderator mutes you, then it is because there is an echo or background noise that you may not be able to hear.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(from Intercessions for the Christian People, p. 38 and 109)*

Leader: God of love, we pray for your Church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Marc, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,

People Hear our prayers for the Church.

Leader God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, creed, socio-economic situations and political parties; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,

People Hear our prayers for the world.

Leader God of justice, we pray for your creation entrusted to our care: For the plants and animals, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,

People Hear our prayers for the earth.

Leader God of peace, we pray for this community: For our in-person and online students and teachers and families, and for our neighborhoods, small businesses, and workplaces. Kindle in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. We give thanks for all those in our parish family who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, *Courtney Kingston Pflaum, Stannye Llewellyn, William Holthaus, Trask & Diane Leonard, Carl Cheney & Sherry Lund* and for all the blessings of this life. God of peace,

People Hear our prayers for this community.

Leader God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice, for firefighters, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray especially for Anneliese Mabie, Stephen Placido, *Kaethe Langs, Joan Gray, Ken Garrett, Alexander Morse, Julie Leonard Griffith*. For whom and for what else do we pray this day? *(Pause)*. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,

People Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

Leader God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially *Patrick Aaron, Jim Holley, Jacob Blake, Carolyn Jessup, Ralph H. Hartwig, Howard Middleton, Sr.* and others that we now name either silently or aloud *(pause)*. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints. God of grace,

People Hear our prayers for those who have died.

Celebrant Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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

Announcements

If you have any announcements regarding church matters, please select the “raise hand” icon under the participants tab at the bottom of your screen, and a host will unmute you.

Closing Hymn #685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

While on mute, please join in singing:

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different verses. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stay for Coffee Hour!