The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa
Morning Prayer
Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:00am

This morning’s worship is offered by members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

OPENING HYMN

All are welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be-
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safely live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God’s children
water, wine and wheat: A banquet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,
songs and visions heard And loved and treas-ured,

children tell How hearts learn to for-
dare to seek To dream God’s reign a-
holily ground, Where peace and jus-tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they’ve
taught and claimed As words with-in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit-ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je-sus,
known. Here the out-cast and the stran-ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
Is re-vealed in time and space: As we
Bear the image of God’s face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace; Let this

love of Christ shall end di-
visions;
one we claim the faith of Je-sus;
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come,
house pro-claim from floor to raft-
er;

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OPENING SENTENCE

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in my sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant  Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us 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.

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

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

VENITE

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 114

1  Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
   the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God’s sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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 Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

The Angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land. The waters were divided. The waters formed a wall on their right and on their left. The Israelites rode into the sea on dry land after them. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch, the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore, Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.
Canticle: The Song of Moses  
*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and 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 forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own Lord that they all stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the
judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
    surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, 
and sing the praises of your Name? *
    for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
    because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

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

The People stand or kneel

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGE B

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

O god, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your son our lord: give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.
We pray to the our God Almighty for a medical solution to mitigating the current worldwide Pandemic specifically in developing a vaccine…we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for those whose needs are greater than ours, especially those families are challenged by joblessness or other threats that challenge our family livelihoods…we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We invite you to name your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving silently, aloud, or by typing them into the chat.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 our selves 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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Romans 15:13

We invite you to join us online next week for worship offered by St. John’s in Shenandoah at 10:00am.