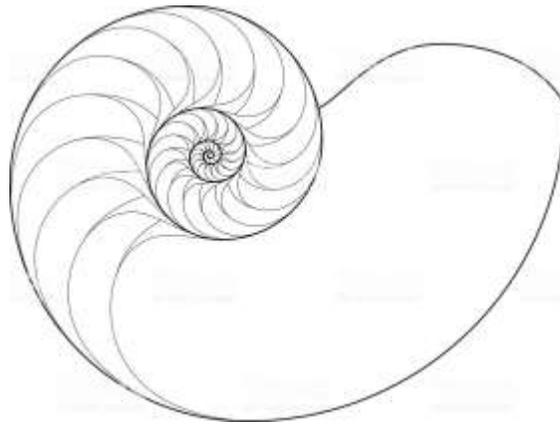


**Church of the Messiah
Woods Hole, Massachusetts**

**A Liturgy of Morning Prayer
Last Sunday after Pentecost
the Sunday before Thanksgiving
November 22, 2020**



Prelude

“Nun danket alle Gott”

by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

Welcome

Opening Hymn 290

“Come, ye thankful people come”

St. George’s, Windsor

1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
 2 All the world is God’s own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
 from his field shall in that day, all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

Descant

4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence
 1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,
 be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.
 come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Invitation to Worship

Wampanoag Prayer

Great Spirit, I thank you today
 Mother Earth, I thank you
 Grandmother Moon, I thank you
 Grandfather Sun, I thank you
 I offer thanks to the four directions
 to the east
 to the south
 to the west
 to the north
 I thank you for all my relations:
 the winged nation
 creeping and crawling nation
 the four-legged nation
 the green and growing nation
 and all things living in the water
 Honoring the clans:
 the deer
 the bear
 the wolf
 the turtle
 the snipe
 Great Spirit, I thank you.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

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

- *adapted by DMW from the Book of Common
Prayer (1979), p. 82*

Psalm 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Every morning
the world
is created.
Under the orange

sticks of the sun
the heaped
ashes of the night
turn into leaves again

and fasten themselves to the high branches—
and the ponds appear
like black cloth
on which are painted islands

of summer lilies.
If it is your nature
to be happy
you will swim away along the soft trails

for hours, your imagination
alighting everywhere.
And if your spirit
carries within it

the thorn
that is heavier than lead—
if it's all you can do
to keep on trudging—

there is still
somewhere deep within you
a beast shouting that the earth
is exactly what it wanted—

each pond with its blazing lilies
is a prayer heard and answered
lavishly,
every morning,

whether or not
you have ever dared to be happy,
whether or not
you have ever dared to pray.

Third Reading

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Profession of faith

Leader We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.
All **In God we are breathing, in God we are living, in God we share the life of all creation.**

Leader We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and humanity.
All **In Christ God is breathing, in Christ God is living, through Christ we are reconciled.**

Leader We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.
All **In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living, the breath of God always moves us.**

Leader We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.
All **In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united.**

- *written Per Harling, adapted by DMW*

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Morning

God,
you are our beginning and you will be our end;
we are made in your image and likeness.
We praise and thank you for this day.
This is the day on which you created light
and saw that it was good.
This is the day in whose early morning light
we discovered the tomb was empty,
and encountered Christ, the world's true light.
This is the day you have made;
we shall rejoice and be glad in it. *Amen.*

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988) p. 106

Prayer for the Absent

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We pray that you graciously behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 830

For those who are sick

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*

- *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 461

For Young Persons

God our Creator, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *adapted by DMW from the Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 829

A Litany for Our Country

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage:

We pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Defend our liberties, and shape the many races and cultures within this country in peaceful ways.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we have and will entrust the authority of government.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May there be justice and peace within our country.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May we be beacons of dignity and compassion among all nations of the earth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In troubling times, let our trust in you and your trust in us not fail.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- adapted by DMW from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 820

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. This, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 832

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

- *Ibid*, p. 833

Concluding Collect

God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes
from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ.
Amen.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988) p. 464

Concluding Sentences

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia

Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Potts, Ph.D.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

by Healey Willan

Thanksgiving for the Diversity of Races and Cultures

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all children. This, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Adapted by DMW from the Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 840.*

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Our dear God, holy and undivided Trinity,
For comforting us
For challenging us
For balancing our lopsided perspectives
For inspiring us
For dismantling us
For surprising us
We thank you.

For the diversity and intricate complexity of creation
the breathtaking interconnection of earthworms and redwoods
the lives of stars and distant planets,
bacteria and protozoa
For tide pools and whales, pelicans and sandpipers, porpoises, starfish and crabs,
the barren landscapes of mountaintops and the lush abundance of rain forests
For new ecosystems that are forming and old ecosystems that are dying
For raccoons and porcupines, sparrows and flickers, antelope
and coyotes and wolves
We thank you.

For your embodiment in human form and your love that is the glue of existence
For all humans with their multifarious understandings and their unique abilities and hang ups
For our partners, who, after you, is my greatest treasure
For our families, whose tangled psychological manifestations bring joy and consternation,
and who are also great treasures
For friends, whose love and challenge we could not live without
For our enemies, who confound us with their alien values and desires
For all those who need us
and all those whom we need
We thank you.

For all the ways in which we are allowed to serve you
For the deep silence in which we often find you
For all those times when we are able to let go and to forgive
For all those miracles of new understanding and insight with which you gift us
For the desire to hear you and the impulse to love you,
which is your Spirit working in us
For hope
For gratitude itself
For all those things we have not thought to name.

We thank you.

We thank you.

We thank you

You are our mainstay, our bedrock, our awakening and our fulfillment,
our hope in the darkest times and our joy in the brightest.
A thousand times, thank you.
Amen

- Laurie Gudim on www.episcopalcafe.org
on November 24, 2016 adapted for this
service by DMW

Closing Prayer of Offering

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988) p. 141

A Prayer for Our Parish's Ministry

O God, Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors.
May our hearts be kind and generous. May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination.
Having transformed the Parish and Community Center, may our lives and the lives of all who join
us, continue to be renewed by Your love and the power of the Spirit. *Amen.*

Benediction

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives
To reflect God's glory in creation.

- *Adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation
Programme by DMW*

Greeting

Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”

Num danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Postlude

“Hornpipe in D”

by John S. Dixon

Dismissal

*The Thanksgiving fruit and vegetables on the altar
are given to the Glory of God
by Warfield Truesdale and John Funkhouser
in gratefulness for those who make our online Sunday services possible.*

Liturgical Leaders

Officiant	Jean Taft
Preacher	The Rev. Matthew Potts, Ph.D.
Organist	Brittany Lord
Musicians and Readers	Helen Gordon, John Holden Dicky Allison
Technology	Dicky Allison, Helen Gordon
Altar Guild	Tammy Amon, Jennifer Gaines Priscilla Ruegg
Fruits and Vegetables	Lovingly arranged by Jennifer Gaines and Priscilla Ruegg

Church of the Messiah

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John Nolan	<i>Treasurer</i>

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