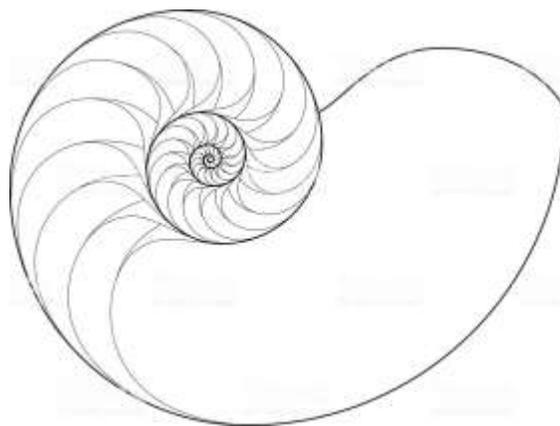


**Church of the Messiah
Woods Hole, Massachusetts**

A Liturgy of Morning Prayer

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020**



Prelude

“Mit Freuden Zart”

by Hugo Distler

Welcome

Opening Hymn 408 *“Sing praise to God who reigns above”*

Mit Freuden Zart



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Opening Sentences

We gather in the name of the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures.

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wonderful Light of all mysteries known and unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

- Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century.

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 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 “O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

Second Reading

“The Still More Excellent Way”

The Most Rev. Michael Curry

Note: This reading is what Bishop Curry said in addressing those who had gathered for a prayer vigil at Washington National City Christian Church on May 24, 2018.

We are not a partisan group. We are not a left-wing group. We are not a right-wing group. We are a Jesus movement. That's who we are. And we came together, Protestant, Catholic and evangelical. We came together, liberal, conservative and whatever is in the middle. We came together because what binds us together is Jesus of Nazareth and his way and his teaching and his life.

And when we leave this place, in silent prayerful vigil, walking together to the White House, let it be known that this is not a protest march. This is a procession of Christian people. This is what they did on Pentecost. This is a Pentecostal moment. That's what's going on.

We are committed to following the way of Jesus. And when that lawyer asked Jesus what is the great law of Moses? Jesus answered, reaching back to the Hebrew Scriptures and quoting the teaching of Moses: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.’

But this second is just like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love your neighbor – that’s why we are here. Love the neighbor you like and love the neighbor you don’t like. Love the neighbor you agree with and love the neighbor you disagree with. Love your Democrat neighbor. Love your Republican neighbor. Love your Independent neighbor. Love your Black neighbor, your White neighbor. Love your Asian neighbor, your Latino neighbor, and your Indigenous neighbor. Love your South American neighbor. Love your LGBTQ neighbor, love your Jewish neighbor, love your Muslim neighbor. Love, love, love, love your neighbor as yourself. On these two hang all the law and the prophets.

- Bishop Michael Curry, *Love Is The Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*.
NY: Avery 2020. Pp. 239-240

Third Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 (*said by all – with microphones muted*)

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace.

Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and to all in authority or seeking election in the Presidency, the Congress or state legislatures, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them and all who serve in the judicial branch with a love of truth and righteousness no matter the cost.

May each of these officials and all civil servants be ever mindful of their calling to serve all people with justice, compassion and fairness. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, are one God. *Amen.*

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

Litany for Justice and Peace

Just and merciful God,
We glimpse your presence in the world you have created,
Its power and its beauty, music and poetry,

**Its diversity, fertility, the possibility of food for everyone,
The dream of fullness of life for all children:
Yes, God, you are with us in the world.**

Yet we see that power misused, beauty marred,
Discord and lies dividing humankind,
Failure to share,
Causing many to go hungry or die.

Where are you, God?

We heard the Good News that Jesus brought,
The affirmation of the value of every human life,

**The Gospel that commands us to seek peace with justice;
We understand that costly reconciliation is at its hearts:
Yes, God, you are with us in the world.**

Yet we see that good news denied by apathy,
Mocked by prejudice, hatred and refusal to forgive,
And we feel helpless in the face of suffering.

Where are you God?

You are present where women and men, girls and boys, of good will
Still choose to live in your way,
Caring for creation and for each other,
Courageously speaking truth to power.

You are there when elderly people share their wisdom.

You are there when children who live on the street and those who don't dance in the rain.

You are present wherever, in this broken world,

Hope is alive.

Thank you, God, for being present with us now.

Amen.

- *adapted by DWM from the Iona Abbey
Worship Book. Glasgow: Wild Goose
Publications. 2017. Pp. 94-95*

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.*

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. Deborah Warner

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

“Cantate Domino”

by Giuseppe Pitoni

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.*

Thanksgiving for the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for generations to come. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment and stewardship of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

- *Ibid*

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 Future

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 412

“Earth and all stars”

Earth and All Stars



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
 4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
 5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
 6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Postlude

“Gavotte”

by Samuel Wesley

Dismissal

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Preacher	The Rev. Deborah Warner
Organist	Brittany Lord
Musicians and Readers	Helen Gordon, Randy Hensley Dicky Allison
Technology	Dicky Allison, Helen Gordon
Altar Guild	Joyce Haycock, Nancy Rea Jane Vose
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