

Compline: A Night Service for Healing
St. John's by the Campus Episcopal Church, Ames, IA
June 9, 2021 – Enmegahbowh (*Priest & Missionary, 1902*)

John Johnson Enmegahbowh, an Odawa (Ottawa) Native Nation from Canada, born in 1807, and raised in the Midewiwin traditional healing way of his grandfather and the Christian religion of his mother. He came to the US as a Methodist missionary in 1832. Discouraged, he started back to Canada by boat, and ran into a storm on Lake Superior. He had a vision of Jonah and the whale – and turned back to the US. He invited James Lloyd Beck to Gull Lake, and together they founded St. Columbia's Mission in 1852. He worked among the Ojibway and was known as a man of peace, and inspired peace a lasting peace to be established between the Ojibway and Dakota peoples. Emmegahbowh ("The One who Stands Before his People") is the first recognized Native American priest in the Episcopal Church, ordained in 1867 at Faribault, MN, and served in MN, enculturating Christianity in the language and traditions of the Ojibway. He developed a mission strategy for the Episcopal Church. He died at the White Earth Indian Reservation in northern MN on June 12, 1902.
(A Great Cloud of Witnesses - June 12)

Look around this week and see the places where you can witness to healing and wholeness in our relationships with each other. Where are we as a community called to bring the message of peace?

The Approach

Reader 1: The angels of God guard us through the night,
Reader 2: ***and quieten the powers of darkness.***

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

It is but lost labor that we haste to rise up early,
 and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.
 For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Silence

My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the eternal God.
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
 for our creation and for our humanity,
 for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
 for the gifts of life and of one another,
 for your love which is unbounded and eternal.
 O thou, most holy and beloved,
 my Companion, my Guide upon the way, my bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:
Silence

We have wounded your love.
O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.
Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

The Invocation

Like the first disciples before the coming of God's power at Pentecost,
We wait in faith, and pray.

Silence

Be with us, Holy Spirit;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Be with us as of old, fill us with your power,

direct all our thoughts to your goodness.

Be present, Holy Spirit;

Bring faith and healing and peace.

Silence

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

The Psalmody

Psalm 67

Reader 3: Be gracious to us O God and bless us:

Reader 4: **and make the light of your face to shine upon us,**

That your ways may be known upon the earth:
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy:
**for you judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its harvest:

and you our God will bless us.

Your blessing O God be upon us:
and let all the ends of the world revere you.

Psalm 98

Reader 5: Sing to the Lord a new song:

Reader 6: **for the Lord has done marvelous things.**

With your own right hand O Lord, and with your holy arm:
you have gained for yourself the victory.

You have made known your victory:
you have displayed your saving power to all the nations.

You have remembered your faithfulness,
 and your love for the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory.

Shout with joy to the Lord all the earth:
sing and rejoice with the sound of melody.

Sing to the Lord with the harp:
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets also and horns:
shout with joy before the Lord our king.

Let the sea roar and all that is in it:
the world and those who inhabit it.

Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the hills rejoice together before the Lord.

For you O Lord are coming to judge the earth:
**with righteousness you will judge the world,
 and the peoples with equity.**

Psalm 16

Reader 7: O God, I give you thanks for the wisdom of your counsel, *

Reader 8: **even at night you have instructed my heart.**

I have set your face always before me, *
you are at my right hand and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices, *
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not give me over to the power of death, *
nor let your faithful one see the Pit.

In your presence is the fullness of joy, *
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

The Holy Scripture

Isaiah 2:2-5

Reader 9:

In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

(silence for reflection)

Ephesians 2:13-22

Reader 10:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

(silence for reflection)

Matthew 5:13-18

Reader 11:

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

(silence for reflection)

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and forever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We pray this night for the healing of our nation and our world.

Reader 1: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed we may live in justice and peace.

Lord, in your Mercy:

Reader 2: Hear our prayer.

Reader 3: O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

Lord, in your Mercy:

Reader 4: Hear our prayer.

Reader 5: Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy.

Lord, in your Mercy:

Reader 6: Hear our prayer.

Reader 7: We pray for the candidates for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa: Jennifer+, Betsey+ and Elizabeth+. Guide and protect each one of them in the coming days. Give us all discerning minds as we meet these three, and may your Spirit guide all those who will cast electing ballots. We give thanks for the 18 years of Spirit-led service by Bishop Alan and Donna. And we ask for your blessing on our Rector Amma Kim, for assisting priest Mary Jane+, and for our ministry intern, Chad.

Lord, in your Mercy:

Reader 8: Hear our prayer.

Reader 2: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Lord, in your Mercy:

Reader 1: Hear our prayer.

Reader 14:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader 6:

God of the present moment,
 God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
 Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty.
 Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead.
 Bring courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
 for your will is health and wholeness;
 You are God, and we need You. Amen. (*p. 747, NZ Book of Common Prayer*)

Reader 8:

Lord, it is night.
 The night is for stillness.
 Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
 What has been done has been done;
 what has not been done has not been done;
 let it be.

The night is dark.
 Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
 rest in you.

The night is quiet.
 Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
 all dear to us,
 and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
 Let us look expectantly to a new day,
 new joys,
 new possibilities.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Reader 1: God be in my head, and in my understanding.

Reader 2: God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

Reader 3: God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

Reader 4: God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

Reader 5: God be at my end, and at my departing.

Reader 1: To God the Creator,
 who loved us first and gave this world to be our home,
To God the Redeemer,
 who loves us and by dying and rising pioneered the way of freedom.
To God the Sanctifier,
 who spreads the divine love in our hearts,
Be praise and glory for time and for eternity.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!