



Evening Prayer

August 7, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

(Stand)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Brief Silence)

P Most merciful God,

A **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

A Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, we don't always know how to pray, but you find us anyway. We don't always know how to listen, but you are in our ears all the same. We don't always know how to believe, but you surround us with beauty, and we find ourselves held together in love. Find us. Hold us. Be in these words. Help us hear.

AU Amen.

(Be seated)

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-15

Today's first reading is from the book of Genesis:

^{4b}In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

P Word of God. Word of life.

AU Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 1:35-51

Today's sermon reading is from the gospel of John:

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"
⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P Word of God. Word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Meditation on *The Ash Grove*

(Stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

A Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

All Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All And also with you.

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

P The Lord be with you.

AI And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

AI We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AI It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love. . .

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

AI Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

. . . all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

AI Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Sit)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Thank you, Gracious God, for this feast of life.

In it, we are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life;

we are sent forth into the world to live into God's mission

to feed as we have been fed,

to forgive as we have been forgiven,
to love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself,

Amen.

(Stand)

EVENING HYMN

“God Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

Hymn 564

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, and, when we die,
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.
may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.
may we in your might - y keep - ing all peace - ful lie.
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum - ber sweet your mer - cy send us,
From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,
When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you



ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.
nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.
but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.
and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

AI **Thanks be to God.**

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