

Outdoor Worship & Picnic 2020

Gathering

PRELUDE *The Gloria Deo Ensemble*

OPENING RESPONSIVE READING

P God our Creator,
we call upon You as Father, source of Life
C Draw us closer to You, O God.

P Christ our Savior,
we call You as the Son of the living God, Redeemer, the One who Saves:
C Draw us closer to You, O God.

P: Holy Spirit,
we call You as the presence of the living God, Advocate, Breath of life:
Draw us closer to You, O God.

P Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:
C Draw us closer to You, O God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: (*silence for reflection*)

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe
and the beginning of time you were God,

Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom.

Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed
and rejoice in the glory He shared with us.

Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen!

Word

READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴ “To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

The Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God!**

READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

THE GOSPEL, Matthew 28:16-20 is read

P The Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord!

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord! **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER

P Father of mercy, God of grace,

**C the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.**

**From all you have given, we bring these gifts,
tokens of our thankfulness and praise.**

May they become a source of blessing to all in need

In your holy Name we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM *The Gloria Deo Ensemble*

Sending

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

P In the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, let us pray in thanksgiving,

L For the gift of creation, the work of your hands;
For the gift of your Son and the presence of the Spirit,

C We give you thanks, O Father

L For the faith and hope that is ours, for the Word that lives in us:

C We give you thanks, Christ Jesus

L For the community of the church, for our union with one another
across all boundaries, even life and death,

C We give you thanks, Holy Spirit.

L Holy Trinity, One Lord: You have given us the blessing of community, and the gift of family:

C Help us to honor, forgive, and care for one another.

L You have blessed us with the gift of creation,
the fields and forests, waters, sea and sky, and all that is in them:

C Guide us to good stewardship of all creation.

L You have blessed us with the harvest of orchard, garden and farm, waters and forest:

C Open our hearts and hands to all in need.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

With thankful hearts, let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

BLESSING

Silence for Reflection

P The blessing of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Bless you and keep you, now and forever!

C **Amen!**

POSTLUDE: *The Gloria Deo Ensemble*

DISMISSAL

P In the joy of faith and the wonder of creation,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God**



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