

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Incline Village, Nevada



"Seeking Light and Sharing Love"

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020

The Holy Eucharist: Enriching our Worship 10am

Prelude: *As the Deer Longs for Water*

by Martin Nystrom

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

Announcements

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 362

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise: S280 Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Psalm: 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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Spirit and Song 196 vss 1-3

“Open my Eyes”

Open my eyes, Lord

Help me to see your face

Open my eyes, Lord

Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord

Help me to hear your voice

Open my ears, Lord

Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord

Help me to love like you

Open my heart, Lord

Help me to love

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 22:34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Dunn

Affirmation of Faith: from Tírechán (7th cen. Irish Bishop)

Our God is the God of all humans, the God of heaven and earth, the God of sea and rivers, the God of sun and moon, the God of all heavenly bodies, the God of the lofty mountains, the God of the lowly valleys. God is above the heavens; and he is beneath the heavens, Heaven and earth and sea, and everything that is in them, such he has as his abode. He inspires all things, he gives life to all things, he stands above all things, he stands beneath all things. He enlightens the light of the sun, he strengthens the light of the night and the stars, he makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea, and he places the stars in the service of the greater lights. He has a Son who is co-eternal with himself; and similar in all respects to himself; and neither is the Son younger than the Father, nor is the Father older than the Son; and the Holy Spirit breathes in them. And the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Holy One, we thank you for your creation and the abundant beauty that surrounds us: the mountains and lake, the pine forest and flowers, the warm sunny days and cool, star filled nights. God of creation, *hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for the bounty you have provided: the food on our tables, the clothes we wear, the homes we live in, the families that make us whole, and the riches in our bank accounts. We also give you thanks for the blessings of this community_____ (*the congregation may add their own praises*). Make us always mindful that our true treasure is to know you. God of abundance, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those affected by violence in our world. We ask that you lead all peoples to the still waters of peace. God of reconciliation, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those affected by natural disasters of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and floods. Be with the firefighters and all first responders during this difficult fire season. God of assurance, *hear our prayer.*

Holy One, we ask your presence with this country and our elected national and local leaders. May differences be respected and not divisive; may political positions be debated and not degraded; and may voices be spoken with truth, reason and respect. Give us guidance during the upcoming election. God of redemption, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who live alone and for others who live in loneliness. We pray for the unemployed, underemployed, and those suffering economic hardship and stress. We pray for those who seek justice and instead are denied grace. We ask your healing for the sick, the suffering, and all of those on our hearts this morning _____ (*the congregation may add their own petitions*). God of compassion, *hear our prayer.*

We also pray for the anxious, the mourning, and those who have departed this realm to the life eternal with you: _____ (*the congregation may add their own remembrances*). God of resurrection, *hear our prayer.*

Send your Holy Spirit and reveal yourself to us by the blessing and breaking of bread so that we may be what we see, and receive what we are. God of faith, *hear our prayer.*

Concluding Collect

Confession of Sin: Let us confess our sins to God. *God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

Absolution

The Peace:

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

SERVICE OF THE TABLE: Celtic Eucharistic Prayer

Music at the Offertory: *The Gift of Love*

by Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

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Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise, for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Patrick and Brigid, and through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory as we sing: ***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord! Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora! Mi Corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor!*** Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman. Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for the multitudes. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. *Amen.*

God be with you.
And also with you.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread:

Alleluia. Behold what you are.
May we become what we receive. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *[All those seeking light and sharing love are welcome at the Lord's Table; gluten free wafers are available]*

Music at Communion: *We've Come this Far by Faith*

by Albert A. Goodson

Refrain: We have come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in His holy Word,
He's never failed me --yet.
O, can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.

1. Don't be discouraged
When troubles in your life.
He'll bear your burdens,
And move all misery and strife
That's why [refrain]

2. Just the other day, I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's -Word,
But I can truly say that God had made a way,
And He's never failed me yet.
That's why

We've come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord,

Trusting in His holy Word,
He's never failed us --yet.
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by ---faith.

Let us pray: *God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Special Blessings
Congregational Blessing

Hymn 379

“God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”

God is love, let heav'n adore him
God is love let earth rejoice
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice

God who laid the earth's foundation
God who spread the heavens above
God who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal love
God is love, eternal love

God is love and love enfolds us
All the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp God holds us
Every child of every race

And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod
Then we find that self same aching
Deep within the heart of God
Deep within the heart of God

God is love and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life
God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife

Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain
God is love so love forever
O'er the universe shall reign
O'er the universe shall reign

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*

arr. Dale Wood

This month we remember those who are in our Columbarium:

Daniel Renton, William Robinson, Addelle Rudnicki, Jaime Rose-Welch, Eric E. Roy,
Corinne Roy, Addelle Rudnicki, Kimberly Rudnicki, Kevin Rudnicki, Howard C. Saylor,
August & June Schaefer, Jack Schaefer, Suzanne Scholk, Jean & Howard Scribner,
and Edward & Dolores Shales

Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton
Vocalist: Karen Colbert
Prayers of the People: Mark Wangsness
Worship Leader: Connie Skidmore

Clergy

The Rev. Sarah A. Dunn (rector)
The Rev. Dr. Bob Swope (assisting clergy)

Members of the Vestry

Gary Thomsen, *Senior Warden*
Mike Wang, *Junior Warden*
David Vomund, *Treasurer (non-voting)*
Connie Skidmore, *Clerk (non-voting)*
Jan Hrindo, Kay Lehr, Gary Thomsen (2018-2021 term)
Cindy Boudett, Karen Colbert, and Mike Wang (2019-2022 term)
Nora Beauchamp, Bob Brust, and Daniel Gollery (2020-2023 term)

Jessica Rotter, *Parish Administrator*

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