

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Incline Village, Nevada



"Seeking Light and Sharing Love"

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

Morning Prayer: Rite II 9am

Prelude: *Take my Life and Let it Be*

Announcements

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Spirit & Song 195

“On Eagle’s Wings”

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

Confession of Sin: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Opening Acclamation

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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 his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him 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!

Psalm: 90:1-8, 12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“A Song of Hosea” *Hosea 6:1-3*

Come, let us return to our God, *

who has torn us and will heal us.

God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *

after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, *

that in God’s presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *

whose justice dawns like morning light,

its dawning as sure as the sunrise.

God’s justice will come to us like a shower, *

like spring rains that water the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother” *Isaiah 66:10-14*

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *

all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *

all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *

from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *

“I will extend peace to her like a river,

the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

“You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, *

and you shall nestle in her lap.

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

“You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *

you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.”

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Dunn

Apostles’ Creed: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

Music at the Offertory: *Come Labor On*

Offertory:

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, ***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Lord, our rock and our strength, you sow your holiness in deeds and with all creation we rightly give you praise. All your actions show your wisdom and your love. Hear the prayers of your humble servants who strive daily to live the life of good stewards of your creation.

We thank you for the gift of time we have on this earth to come to know Jesus, your son, as brother, redeemer, savior and Lord. Give us daily grace and help us put our time to good use in your name. ***Lord, may we be your stewards.***

We thank you for the time we had with our loved ones who have died. Although we may see them no longer, we know that they are alive with you. We especially remember _____, and those we name, either silently or aloud. May we honor their witness of love in our lives. ***Lord, may we be your stewards.***

We thank you for the gift of our unique talents and abilities. Help us to be eager to use these strengths to build up our Church, in our parish, in our community and in our homes. We are specially grateful for _____, and our flannel team, musicians, Vestry, Altar Guild, children's ministers, Outreach Committee, Finance team, Good Samaritans, Worship leaders, and all we name before you, either silently or aloud. May we continue to use all of our talents for the glory of your name. ***Lord, may we be your stewards.***

We know that many do not experience the same security that we do. Therefore, we also ask your blessing upon those in need of healing, mind, body, or soul. Especially, _____, and those we name, either silently or aloud. May we be witnesses of your healing love in this world. **Lord, may we be your stewards.**

We pray for our elected local, state, and national leaders. May they too use all the many gifts you have bestowed upon them to assist the people of this land. May we all work for justice and peace for all people. **Lord, may we be your stewards.**

We thank you for the material blessings you have showered upon us. Help us to be generous, providing for the needs of our Church and our neighbors with sacrifice and love, giving from our first fruits. **Lord, may we be your stewards.**

We give you thanks for making us in your own image and for calling us to be your stewards of creation. See in our generous sharing of our time, talents and treasure our heartfelt desire to serve you all the days of our lives and to live with you and all your holy ones forever and ever. **Amen**

Collect of the Day: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of you Name. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom: *Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

Special Blessings

Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

This month we remember those who are in our Columbarium:

Keith & June Sheffield, Marylinda Shipman, Denise Shira, Carla Shoemaker
Charles & Marceline Shoemaker, Hannah Spanier, Joanne Stevenson, Christopher Stone,
Carl Strickland, Frederick & Irmtraud Stugard, Jim Teipner, George C. & Julia N. Thoresen,
Patricia, Jean Tiedeman, Jean Tiederman, Daniel Tierney, and John J. & Tina Tomasello

Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton
Worship Leader: Daniel Gollery
Musicians: The Gollery Family and Elizabeth Rutherford

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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