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PRELUDE

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

HYMN 290

Come, ye thankful people, come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home:
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
 grown: first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap -
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 pear: Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

✠ *Please unmute your microphone, to participate in the congregational responses.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Presider It is well with those who deal generously,
People who conduct their affairs with justice.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

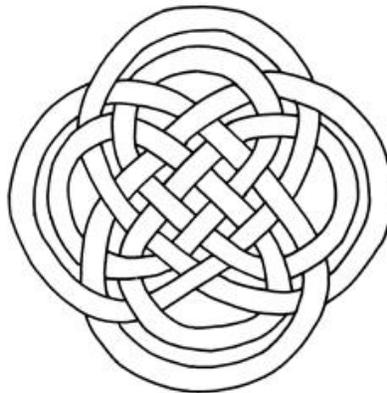
People Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.
God of debts forgiven,
you call to account
our hunger for power;
you disturb hierarchies
which crush the weak:
break the vicious cycles
of revenge and domination
that we might look to him
whose mercy never ends,
Jesus Christ our redeemer.

People Amen.



✠ Please mute your microphone for the reading of the Word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

The Psalm is read responsively by the whole verse.

- Leader 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- People 2 **Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's dominion.**
- Leader 3 The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
- People 4 **The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**
- Leader 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- People 6 **You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?**
- Leader 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- People 8 **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Anne Miner-Pearson

† *A period of silence follows the sermon. The Presider invites the confession of the Creed.
Please unmute your microphone.*

THE NICENE CREED

Presider We believe in one God,
and the Father, the Almighty,
People maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that satisfies and sustains us, and for the love and compassion you give us. We pray for the right use of talents within your church, that gifts and possessions may be freely offered and shared. Make us a gracious people, a generous people.

Gracious God we come to you,
People for you alone can make us whole.

Leader We pray for all who hunger for goodness and righteousness, for all who serve you by serving others. We pray for world leaders who influence our future, for those who work for fair and just elections, and for all who work to care for the Earth and its people. We give thanks for those who are quick to love, eager to give and ready to understand. May their generosity of spirit be blessed and a model for our community.

Gracious God we come to you,
People for you alone can make us whole.

Leader We give thanks for those who share their lives with us: our families, friends and neighbors. We pray for those who are finding life difficult or distressing, for those whose relationships are breaking down, for homes where there is sorrow and darkness, for everyone who is suffering from COVID-19. We ask your help for those suffering in body, mind or spirit

(A moment of silence into which please add your petitions).

May they know the gift of your infinite mercy.

Gracious God we come to you,
People for you alone can make us whole.

Leader We are grateful for all who have revealed the working of God in their lives and are now in glory. We give thanks for ordinary saints, for all who have enriched the world by their willingness to allow God to work through them. We pray that we may rejoice with them in your kingdom.

Gracious God we come to you,
People for you alone can make us whole.

Presider Most holy God, give us a spirit of contentment and peace, that we may enjoy who we are and what we have. Help us not only to appreciate what you have given us, but to be gracious and generous in all that we do. May the world's goods be neither hoarded nor squandered but used for the benefit of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, now and forever.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

Presider **Most merciful God,**

and we confess that we have sinned against you.

People **We have been too quick to accept bounteous gifts from you,
but slow to give you thanks and praise.**

**We have held too tightly to the things of this life,
giving them the allegiance that we owe only to you.**

**We have been more willing to receive than to share,
more ready to take than to give.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may more perfectly love you,**

delighting in your will

that we serve you and one another,

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

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

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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 PEACE

Presider A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and give abundant gifts. May the Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

† *The Presider and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Dale Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 830

All Watch over thy child(ren), O Lord, as *their days increase*; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they stand*, comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them up* if *they fall*; and in *their hearts* may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Presider **O God, whose love we cannot measure,
and or even number your blessings:**

People **we bless and praise you for all your goodness,
who in our weakness is our strength,
in our darkness, light,
in our sorrows, comfort and peace,
and from everlasting to everlasting is our God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider Go forth now into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be with you now and always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, with hearts aflame and love renewed.

People **Thanks be to God!**

In the days ahead please keep these member, friends, and family of Trinity in your prayers.

Please pray for Mary Zelenak, Kristi Bahnemann, Pat Sellers, Mary Jo Madick, Andy, Eloy Olivas, Amara Strande, Dan Nulsen, Dean Davis, Matthew, Jeff Williams, James Lamm, Liza, Ben Blanchard, Doug Mohn, Betsey Lippert, Marty McGlassen, George Hajek, Parents of John Willoughby, Sarah and Sue, Jean Christensen, Debbie, Michelle Bierstedt, and Susan and Robert McMillan.

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