

MORNING PRAYER

February 22, 2014

9:00 a.m.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Please stand.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite

Duke Street

1. Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Come with thanksgiving to his courts
And joyful psalms before him raise.
2. For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in his hand;
He made the sea and it is his
His hands have molded the dry land.
3. Let us bow down and worship him
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are his people and his sheep;
Today, then, hearken to his Word.

Psalm 146 (*said responsively by whole verse*)

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!*
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,*
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,*
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!*
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them,*
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,*
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;*
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Please be seated.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him, with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Command that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Please stand.

Convention Hymn

Cranham

1. Ministry, our calling
Serving Christ in all;
Loving God in neighbor,
Helping all who fall.
Living gospel stories,
Parables in time;
Healing God's creation,
Making water, wine.
2. Sacramental living,
Walking on the road;
Carrying the burden,
Lessening the load.
Covenantal virtues,
Apostolic ways;
With the cross before us,
Faithful, as we pray.
3. Giving as a model,
Loving without end,
Justice as a mentor,
Mercy as a friend.
Breaking all division,
Shatter every wall,
Ministry, our calling,
Serving Christ in all.

Text: J.M.A. Wright+
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for the Episcopate of Charles G. vonRosenberg*

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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.

Morning Litany

Litanist: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Litanist: Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfillment and peace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Litanist: Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Litanist: Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Litanist: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Litanist: Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving *(said together)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: 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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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Service Participants

Officiant

The Venerable Calhoun Walpole

Litanist

Lonnie Hamilton

Lector

Rebecca Lovelace