Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11th, 2020

Theme: The Hebrew people were alone and frightened in a new land. Their leader had disappeared up a mountain and hadn't been seen since. Their instinct was to return to the gods they knew—the gods of Egypt. When God's wrath burned hot for them, Moses reminded God that God needed to learn the ways of the people before the people could learn the ways of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is full of love

And will not act in anger.

From every thought of vengeance

Our God will turn away,

Remembering the covenant

Once promised to God's people.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING SONG You Are Mine #581

"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here." "I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me."

Chorus: "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

"I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name." CHORUS

"I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!" CHORUS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Merciful God, you do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather you show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our savior. Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

TEMPLE TALK

GOSPEL: Luke 23:32-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe: through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me; for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

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 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Patient God, Hear our prayer

Receive our prayers into your merciful arms, for the sake of Jesus our savior and friend, who taught us to pray

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

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Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE