

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

3 June 2020 – 5:30PM

O God, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience, even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

VERSICLE

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

PSALM: PSALM 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

³On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.
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.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: HEBREWS 10:32-39

The people sit.

³²But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. ³⁵Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. ³⁶For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. ³⁷For yet "in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; ³⁸but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back." ³⁹But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 12:25-30

The people sit.

²⁵He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²⁹Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. ³⁰Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

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People Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

REV'D SEPHANIE JENKINS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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.

THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

SUFFRAGE -

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience, even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

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.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

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.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

Announcements

The Path A Journey Through the Bible

June 7th we begin our journey through Ordinary Time. Given life in our current times, returning the arc of God's unending love as expressed in our Sacred Scriptures, in my experience would be time well spent. There is a wonderful book called *The Path, A Journey Through the Bible* by Melody Wilson Shobe published by *Forward Movement* that gathers key stories and teachings from the Bible and places them in chronological order using the NSRV translation. Throughout Ordinary Time, we'll be exploring these texts in worship during Sunday morning as well as with formation with adults, youth, and children.

The book is around \$20 on Amazon. You can purchase one or let us know and we can purchase one for you (just write a check to the church). There are also a couple we have on hand if you cannot purchase one yourself. Click here for a preview of the book.
https://www.forwardmovement.org/Content/Site170/FilesSamples/190238ThePathSA_00000109908.pdf

I look forward to studying and listening to scripture with you in the coming months!

In Christ,
Rev'd Stephanie

Pledges

While technology allows us to do many things online, passing the collection plate is not one of them. Now, perhaps more than ever, it is vitally important that we all remember our financial commitment to the life and ministry of our church, and as much as we are able, to keep up with our pledges and giving. Thank you so much for continuing to send in your pledge checks.

Prayer Requests

While the church building is closed for services, meetings and gatherings, let us not forget about each other. Check in on those who may not have a way to get the things they need. If any of you need anything while we are encouraged to stay at home, please give us a call, send us an email at standrewslawton@att.net, or reach out to those in the congregation who can help you. No one needs to be going without during this time. Let us all band together to make sure everyone is doing well. Someone will be around to receive messages off the phone, and/or answer emails.

Adult Formation Class

The Rev'd Isaac Mwangi will be leading Adult Formation by Zoom each Sunday at 9am! The group will be reading the book of Acts Chapter 9 and then Isaac will lead the discussion.

**Click following link and use Meeting ID and Password below:
<https://zoom.us/j/147411284?pwd=cmRiazBzcU9mYXY4Q2UyajFYakNTQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 147 411 284
Password: 019842**

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