

Order of Worship SHPC
Sunday March 22nd, 2020
“The Practice of Gratitude”
Psalm 8
Luke 17:11-19

Welcome

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Sunday Morning Communion Service A

Call to Worship

One: With nature in its power and beauty,
with rain and wind and sunshine,
with the ancient rocks and the budding flower

ALL: WE GATHER IN PRAISE OF GOD!

One: With believers and seekers
across the whole wide world
with people in every land,
and speakers of every language

ALL: WE GATHER IN PRAISE OF GOD!

One: With Jesus who promises his presence
and the Spirit who showers her blessings

ALL: WE GATHER IN PRAISE OF GOD!

One: Here, let heaven and earth embrace,
here may God's people find home.

ALL: WE GATHER IN PRAISE OF GOD!

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, Maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts
YOU ARE PRESENT AMONG US.

O hidden mystery,
light behind all light,
Spirit within all souls,
in all we touch,
and in all we meet,
YOU ARE PRESENT AMONG US.

As bearers of your image,
we come to be reshaped;
dependent on your mercy,
we ask to be made new.
YOU ARE PRESENT AMONG US.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One,
For the right paths we have avoided traveling,
and the kindly words we refused to share,
for the false Gods who received our worship,
and the true selves we have not loved,
God by your grace,
FORGIVE US.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,
and the promises which we never kept;
for the careless use of our time and money,
and the lame excuses we never should have made,
God by your grace,
FORGIVE US.

For all we should be,
and all we can amend,
for all you have in store for us,
and all you may demand of us,
for the life of this world,
and the love of its people,
God by your grace,
FORGIVE US.

**RENEW US.
PREPARE US.
COMMIT US.**

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe these words of Jesus:

“Your sins are forgiven.”

“Go in peace.”

Come and follow me.”

**GLORY TO THE CREATOR WHO GIVES US LIFE,
GLORY TO THE JESUS WHOSE LOVE REMAKES US,
GLORY TO THE SPIRIT, COMPANION ON OUR JOURNEY.
GLORY BE TO GOD. AMEN.**

Children’s Message

Story:

Saint Patrick by Tomie dePaola

Prayer of St. Patrick:

Christ with me (hug)

Christ before me (arm out)

Christ behind me (arm behind)

Christ in me (point to chest)

Christ beneath me (palms down)

Christ above me (raise the roof)

Christ on my right (right arm out)

Christ on my left (left arm out)

Christ when I lie down (lie down)

Christ when I sit down (sit down)

Christ when I arise (stand up)

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me
(hand over heart)

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me
(hand coming out from lips)

Christ in every eye that sees me (point to eyes)
Christ in every ear that hears me. (point to ears)

Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 8

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

*¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.*

*³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?*

*⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.*

*⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,*

*⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,*

*⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

*⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Reflection Question:

In this Psalm, the writer remembers these words: “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?”

**How have you been cared for this week?
By God and/or by others?**

Luke 17:11-19, Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

14 When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

17 Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Reflection Questions:

All ten lepers were healed and made clean by Jesus. But there seems to be an even greater gift to the one leper (who is also an outsider, a Samaritan) who comes back and remembers to show thanks.

**What difference does gratitude make in your own life?
What can you thank God for this week?**

Prayers of the People

Maker and Lover of all,
in the mystery of your kindness
you have bound us to each other,
and called us to serve
the earth and its people.
Hear us as we pray for our church community,
that even in these strange days,
we may be a people of faith,
hospitality, and imagination.

(Pause)

Lord, in your mercy.
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Grateful for the lives in our bodies,
we pray for those who are struggling right now
with ill health, depression, grief, addiction, or rejection,
asking for the healing,
the affirming,
the listening,
and the presence of love,
which will encourage and restore them.

(Pause)

Lord, in your mercy.
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Conscious of your peace,
which is greater than all our understanding,
we pray for those who have no peace,
because of war,
violence,
hunger and thirst,
isolation,
disease,

and fear.

May their voices be heard,
may their spirits be comforted,
and may they knew the presence of hope and light
in the midst of dark valleys.

(Pause)

Lord, in your mercy.
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

And because we are here to meet with Jesus,
we join our words to those he taught us,
praying:

The Lord's Prayer

**OUR FATHER,
WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME
THY KINGDOM COME
THEY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,
AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN 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
AMEN.**

Blessing

May the everlasting God shield you
wherever you go,
and the blessing of God be upon you:
 the blessing of the Giver of Life,
 the blessing of the Christ of Love,
 the blessing of the Spirit of Peace.

The blessing of the Trinity
be upon you this day,
and each day to come.
Amen.