

Worship at Home

*Sunday, October 24, 2021 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Vision Sunday*

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Molly Finlay
Music Director: Cara Halpin

via Zoom or Dial-In



Opening Hymn *Dear God, Compassionate and Kind* (CP 455)

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.



The Collect

Officiant Together, let us pray.

All Almighty God,
watchful and caring,
our source and our end,
all that we are and all that we have are yours.
Accept us now,
as we give thanks to you for this place
where we have come to praise your name,
to ask your forgiveness,
to know your healing power,
to hear your word,
and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son.
Be present always to guide and to judge,
to illumine and to bless your people.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Reading

Jeremiah 30:18-22, 31:3-5, 10-14

Reader

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: I am going to restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob, and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt upon its mound, and the citadel set on its rightful site. Out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the sound of merrymakers. I will make them many, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be disdained. Their children shall be as of old, their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them. Their prince shall be one of their own, their ruler shall come from their midst; I will bring him near, and he shall approach me, for who would otherwise dare to approach me? says the Lord. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God. The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.



Reading

Jeremiah 30:18-22, 31:3-5, 10-14

Reader

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.



Reading

Jeremiah 30:18-22, 31:3-5, 10-14

Reader

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

*Please join on the alternating
bolded verses of the psalm*

Officiant I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

All **I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Officiant Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

All **I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Officiant Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

All **I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**



Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

*Please join on the alternating
bolded verses of the psalm*

Officiant The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

All **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Officiant Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

All **He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

Officiant Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.



Reading

Acts 2:38-39, 41-47

Reader

A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.



Reading

Acts 2:38-39, 41-47

Reader

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.



Homily: The Rev. Molly Finlay



The Apostles' Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.



Invitation to Christian Stewardship

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We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our website.

Officiant Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.



Prayers of the People, Led by Yohan Dumpala



The Confession

Officiant Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.
Most merciful God,

All **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**



The Absolution

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All **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.**



The Blessing

Announcements



Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

(CP 527)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"



The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

