

EVENING PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

November 2020

Opening Acclamation

Fear not, for I am with you; I have called you by name, and you are mine.

In the love of God, we dwell unafraid.

Hymn of Praise

O Lord, how lovely it is to be your guest.
Breeze full of scents, mountains reaching to the skies,
Waters like a boundless mirror,
Reflecting the suns' golden rays and the scudding clouds.
All nature murmurs mysteriously, breathing depths of tenderness.
Birds and beasts of the forest bear the imprint of your love.
Blessed are you, mother earth, in your floating loveliness,
Which wakens our yearning for happiness that will last forever
In the land where, amid beauty that grows not old.
Rings out the cry: Alleluia! -*Gregory Petrov*

Collect

Loving One,
may all that I do today be love.
May my faith be this simple,
this urgent,
beyond all doctrine,
beneath all righteousness.
Every act, seen and unseen
an act of love.
Every thought and judgment
considered through the lens of love.
All my doubt and anger
held in the hands of love.
All my fears and desires
held in the hands of love.
Loving One,
enact your love through me.
Held in the hands of your love,
may I love in all I do. - *Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Reading

Meditation

Examen and Confession

Where did you see Love today?

How did you love today?

What gave you hope today?

Confession

Though we stumble, and travel in the wrong direction,

We trust in your continual love for us, O God.

We need your light, not only to see the path ahead,

But to illumine the ways in which we most need to grow.

Grant to us forgiveness for any hurt we have caused,

And let your enfolding love prepare us to love well tomorrow. **Amen.**

God's grace is for us. We are beloved and forgiven. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver,

Author of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

Now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee;

All things are passing, God never changeth!

Patient endurance attaineth to all things;

Who God possesseth in nothing is wanting;

Alone God sufficeth. - *St. Teresa of Avila*