



Christ Episcopal Church

A Church for All the Seasons of Life

The First Sunday of Advent
Taizé Healing and Recovery Service with Anointing and Holy Communion
Saturday, November 27, 2021, at 5:30 PM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Presider

Friends, without help our challenges and difficulties in life are too much for us. But there is one who has all power – that One is God. May we find God now.

Half measures have availed us nothing. We stand at the turning point. So, now we ask for God's protection and care with complete abandon.

Let us say together the steps we can take to recover our lives and live as God intended.

Presider and People

- 1. We admit that we are powerless; that our lives have become unmanageable.**
- 2. We believe that a power greater than ourselves can return us to wholeness.**
- 3. We decide to turn our will and our lives over to the care of the God of our understanding.**
- 4. We look at our lives and make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**
- 5. We admit to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**
- 6. We are entirely ready to have God remove all the defects of character.**
- 7. We humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings.**
- 8. We make a list of all persons we have harmed and declare a willingness to make amends to them all.**
- 9. We make direct amends to such people when possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**
- 10. We continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong promptly admit it.**
- 11. We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.**
- 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all affairs.**

GATHERING CHANT *chanted in unison*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart

Celebrant Light and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among all people, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."

The Presider then says the Prayer for Light

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHANT OF LIGHT *chanted in unison*

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation;

in God I trust, in God I trust.

The Phos Hilaron *spoken in unison*

O gracious light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing your praises, O God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of Life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
³Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
⁸He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Michael Way

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Let us offer our prayers for God’s healing,

O Lord, hear our prayer,

O Lord, hear our prayer,

When we call answer us

O Lord, hear our prayer,

O Lord, hear our prayer,

Come and listen to us.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Grant your grace to all have passed,

Grant your grace to heal those who are sick,

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness,

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children,

Give courage to all who await surgery,

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness,

Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope,

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer,

O Lord, hear our prayer,

O Lord, hear our prayer,

When we call answer us

O Lord, hear our prayer,

O Lord, hear our prayer,

Come and listen to us.

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid,

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart,

Grant peace to those who struggle with addiction and strengthen those who support them

Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms,

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness,

Uphold those who keep watch with the sick,

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease,

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, bearer of our sins, Jesus, redeemer of the world,

*O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, hear our prayer,
When we call answer us
O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, hear our prayer,
Come and listen to us.*

Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. *Amen.*

ANOINTING

For those who wish anointing with Holy Oil and healing prayer, please return to the communion rail.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF BROKENNESS

Let us confess our brokenness to God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have acted against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those attending this service online, please know that although you cannot be present to receive the Holy Sacrament physically, you may receive the Sacrament spiritually.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord of the Holy Sacrament, I wish to possess You in spirit. Jesus, come to me, since I, for my part, am coming to You! May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION

The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately delivers the bread to the people.

All people regardless of faith background or circumstance are welcome to receive the

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as our Savior did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it.
Trusting that God will make all things right
if I surrender to God's will.
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with God forever in the next.
Amen.*

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Blessed are you, O God,
creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary,
renewing the strength of those who are spent,
bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening.
As you have protected us in the day that is past,
so be with us in the coming night;
keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear;
for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life.
To you be glory for endless ages. In the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

CLOSING CHANT

*Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity and God will dwell with you*

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE