ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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The Rev. Leslie J. Hague is the preacher.

THIS WEEK IS THE COMMEMORATION PATRICK OF IRELAND
A 5th-century apostle and patron saint of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

OPENING ACCLAMATION
Grace and peace to you from God.
    God fill you with truth and joy.
The Lord be with you.
    The Lord bless you.
This is the day which the Lord has made.
    We will rejoice and be glad in it.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect
Celebrant    The Lord be with you.
People       And also with you.
Celebrant    Let us pray
Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
A Reading from Ezekiel 36:33-38
Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the towns to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. The land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, “This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified.” Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it. Thus says the Lord God: I will also let the house of Israel ask me to do this for them: to increase their population like a flock. Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed festivals, so shall the ruined towns be filled with flocks of people. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 (spoken in unison) Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
   sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
   proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
   and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
   he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
   but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
   Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
   ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
   bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
   let the whole earth tremble before him.
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
   he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
   he will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
   let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
   let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
   before the LORD when he comes, *
   when he comes to judge the earth.
13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
   and the peoples with his truth.

A Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1–8
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you
was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been
shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in
our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great
opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure
motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to
be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not
to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you
know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of
flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from
mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have
made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among
you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do
we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only
the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have
become very dear to us.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew

Gospeller  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:16-20.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Gospeller  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily  The Rev. Leslie J. Hague

A LITANY OF HEALING

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

The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding
and we include the names of those on our parish prayer list.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers for those who seek healing and all whom we name in our hearts. Grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned to joy;

Hear us O Lord of life.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.
Befriend all who are lonely, anxious, despondent, or afraid with an awareness of your presence;

   **Hear us O Lord of Life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart.

   **Hear us O Lord of life.**

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Having prayed for others, let us now pray for ourselves, confessing our transgressions against God and our neighbors.

   **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned 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 which 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.**

May the God of Love, visit us in our times of trial and weakness, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, raise us to newness of life, strengthen us in all goodness and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

   **Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion on all for whom we pray and strengthen us to be your instrument of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Peace
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All things come of thee O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being; sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we say:

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.

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we now offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.
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 to 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 the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ’s death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. 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.

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A prayer for spiritual communion said by those not present at holy communion
Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest...
wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers following Communion
Let us pray.

    Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in this Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth; a people forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for the Human Family
O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for All Saints and our Rector  
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for our rector and our parish family. Stir up your power within our parish, strengthen the faithful and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People       Thanks be to God.