

The Worship of God

In Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Grace to you, and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of our Lord be with you.

We gather to worship through joy and not fear,

for by the power of God's love we have been reconciled to God.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Hymn of Praise

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Refrain]

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

[Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

[Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

[Refrain]

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The Word of the Lord for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Silent Meditation

*The more you draw creative energies from prayer, the more you will discover
a capacity to build together with others. Can you sense that struggle
and contemplation have one and the same source?*

*If you pray, it is out of love. If you struggle taking on responsibilities
to make the world more fit to live in, that too is love.*

Brother Roger of Taizé

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Praying with the Psalmist (from Psalm 119:105-112)

**Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.
Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.
I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.

[Refrain]

My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.
The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly,
they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.

[Refrain]

Piano Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Witness of Faith

Under His Wings

Sermon

Prayer

We pray to the Father, who sent his Holy Spirit to bring new light to the hearts of us all.

Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Blessed are you, the source of all light;
all creation rightly gives you praise.

Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Through the resurrection of your Son, the world is filled with light;
through the gift of your Spirit,
may your light shine out in the Church.

Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Through your Holy Spirit,
the disciples remembered all that Jesus taught them;
pour out your Spirit on the Church that
she may be faithful to that teaching.

Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Light of all the nations, look upon those who live in darkness;
open their hearts to accept you as the one true God.

Lord, send us the light of your Spirit.

Benediction

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I love?
These are the real questions.

Henri Nouwen

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