

The Worship of God

In Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Almighty and Merciful One, Lord God of all Creation,
receive our worship this day.

May our respect and humility honor Your transcendent holiness.

May the attention we offer mirror Your immanent presence.

May each word of prayer and proclamation point to Your truth.

May every thought be large enough to be worthy of Your mystery.

**May the lives we live be as loving and full as the one You lived...
in Christ and for Your Kingdom's sake. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

What an honor to think that all of you before me are Christ!

Even the humblest peasant,

who may be pondering there next to a radio,

you are Christ!

For your baptism is one

with the death and resurrection of the Lord.

- Oscar Romero

Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hand above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Praying with the Psalmist (Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God's benefits.

The Lord forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases.

The Lord redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with kindness.

The Lord satisfies you with good things

so that you are renewed.

The Lord works righteousness

and justice for the oppressed.

The Lord is gracious,

slow to anger, and abounding in love.

The Lord does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay our iniquities.

As high as the heavens are above us,

so great is God's love for us.

As far as the east is from the west,

God has removed our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

God has compassion on us.

Praise the Lord... **O my soul.**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

Pastoral Prayer

Piano Meditation

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:7-9

New Testament Readings

Matthew 18:21-35

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Witness of Faith

Red Sea Road

Sermon

Prayer

God of freedom,
you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand.
Deliver us from our captivity to pride
and indifference to the needs and gifts of others,
that we may be ready to love as you have loved us,
and to give even as we have received.

Amen.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.



Prophet Miriam

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Pippa Blackall, 2008

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