

THE EVE OF HOLY NAME

Evening Prayer & Labyrinth Walk

Friday, December 31, 2021

¶ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Officiant

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. Amos 5:8

Confession

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Versicle and Response

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever.

Amen. Alleluia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

Officiant

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.

¶ *Please be seated.*

The Psalm

Psalm 90 *Domine, refugium or*

Officiant and People

- 1 **Lord, you have been our refuge ***
 from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
 or the land and the earth were born, *
 from age to age you are God.
- 3 **You turn us back to the dust and say, ***
 "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday**
 when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 65:15b-25

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

You shall leave your name to my chosen to use as a curse, and the Lord God will put you to death; but to his servants he will give a different name. Then whoever invokes a blessing in the land shall bless by the God of faithfulness, and whoever takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of faithfulness; because the former troubles are forgotten and are hidden from my sight.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

Officiant

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:*

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him*

in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,*
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,*
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

¶ *Please be seated.*

The New Testament Lesson Revelation 21:1-6

Reader A Reading from the Revelation to John

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Officiant

Lord, you now have set your servant free*
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,*
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,*
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The Creed

The Apostle's Creed

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

Officiant

Collect for the Holy Name

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

Collect For Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions

Officiant Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

The Officiant says the concluding Collect

God of mercy, as the old year ends and a new year begins, forgive us for the wrongdoings of the vanished days, keep us from vain regrets, and let us face forward in the light of the best that we have learned. Purge our hearts both of shallow self-confidence and of cowardly fears, so that we may know that without you we can do nothing but that in you all things are possible; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

Benediction

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

§ *If you choose not to remain for the Labyrinth Walk, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay. Thank you.*

Notes about a labyrinth

The labyrinth is a place set aside for prayers, for listening, and for receiving that which God offers you at this moment. Walking the labyrinth is a path of prayer, a walking meditation and is different for everyone. You may want to focus on that which you want to release, to let go and to offer to God for transformation – receive the gift that God offers. Continue your journey back into the world ready for a newness of life, new beginnings, and new birth. May the seeds you plant this day come to fruition.

A Labyrinth is unicursal – the way in and the way out is ONE PATH with ONE CHOICE: to enter or not. The entrance signifies birth, the center God. Modern mystics use the labyrinth to achieve contemplative states. It quiets the mind amidst outside noises.

Some guidelines:

- Please maintain physical distancing.
- You may walk with or without shoes.
- Pause at entrance.
- You may focus (one word or thought or prayer) and begin.
- Find and honor your own pace and the rhythm of your breath. You may find yourself moving more quickly or more slowly than others and it will be necessary to safely pass or allow others to safely pass. Moving around one another is key to discovering and staying with one's own flow. Respect the pace and space of others.
- Experience it in your own way and then reflect upon it. Your experience may be revealed over time.

A map of the labyrinth experience:

- ❖ *Purgation*: to cleanse, to release, to let go of, to quiet, and to shed.
- ❖ *Illumination*: Walk with an open heart and open mind, receive what is there for you to receive.
- ❖ *Union*: In essence we realize that we are the hands of God, we are the ones who must take action on behalf of the Divine. If there is to be healing, it is up to us to initiate it. In union we are encouraged to take on a larger life.

The offices are open for normal office hours and visitors may ask at the office to be let in to the cathedral. Most of the staff will continue to work at home for much of the time. Your continued financial support as we move through this crisis helps us pay our staff and other expenses of the church which do not stop.

A few notes about giving in this time:

1. You may continue to mail donations. Mail them to 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Staff will continue to process mail donations.
2. We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at <https://stpaulcathedral.org/give/>. There you may schedule automatic donations that do not require the staff to handle postal mail, allowing staff to focus on other tasks and reducing contact with paper.

Thank you!

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

The exit doors are:

- *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

Please locate an exit nearest you.



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