



"Joseph at the Well", traditional Derbyshire well dressing, Bakewell UK, 2004



THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A Service of the Word

August 9, 2020 ✦ 10:00 a.m.

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“Beginning to read the Bible seriously is rather like visiting a vast art museum. We are bewildered at first by the profusion of images and tend to survey them all in a daze, pausing before only a few of the most famous or striking works. But if we begin to make regular visits we learn to contemplate just one object at a time and let it work on our imagination. In time a single painting or sculpture can come to show us many things about life. It can work many changes in our understanding and vision if we allow it to. In the same way one scriptural symbol can in time work changes in us at several levels through the power of the Spirit.”

— *Martin L. Smith, in The Word is Very Near You: A Guide to Praying with Scripture*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude — “Sonata Opus 65/1, *Adagio*” by Mendelssohn

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Welcome

Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 105*

One: Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

Many: **Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

One: Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Many: **Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**

One: Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Hymn — “The God of Abraham Praise”

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Prayer of the Day

One: Let us pray.

Many: God of our present trouble and promised triumph,
Open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles.
Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance.
Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles.
Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News from our Life Together

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Refrain — “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

by Edith McNeill

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
E \flat E \flat /G A \flat B \flat 7sus B \flat

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
E \flat E \flat /G A \flat B \flat 7sus B \flat 7

(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
A \flat B \flat Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
B \flat 7sus B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 Fm7 B \flat 7sus B \flat 7 E \flat

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading — Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Though Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, his jealous brothers sold him into slavery. Judah, who protected Joseph's life, will many years later give a moving speech before Joseph in Egypt, indicating that the brothers had changed their ways (Gen. 44:18-34).

Psalter — Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

spoken responsively

One: Give thanks, acclaim God's name,
tell all that the Lord has done.

Many: **Make music and sing
the Lord's mighty wonders!**

One: Revel in God's holy name,
delight in seeking the Lord.

Many: **Look always for the power,
for the presence of God.**

One: Recount the signs and wonders,
the just decrees of God,
you heirs of Abraham and Jacob,
the chosen of the Lord.

God spread famine across the land
breaking the very staff of life
and set a man before them,
Joseph, sold as a slave.

His feet were bound with shackles,
his neck with iron.

Many: **Yet his prophecy came true,
proved right by God's word.
Pharaoh released him,
the ruler of nations set him free,
making him master of the palace,
steward of all his goods,
a model for princes,
a teacher of wisdom to elders.**

ALL: ***Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!***

The refrain ("The Steadfast Love of the Lord" – music above) is repeated.

Sermon — "Brotherly Love?"

The Rev. Matthew Emery

RESPONSE

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering

Responding with our Gifts

During the offertory music, while reflecting on the gifts we have to offer, those participating via Zoom are welcome to submit prayer petitions—joys and concerns—via the “Chat” feature in Zoom. These petitions will be collected together and transmitted to Pastor Matt for inclusion during the time for prayers of the people.

An Offering Thought

But when the disciples saw him [Jesus] walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” – Matthew 14:26-27

Even though COVID-19 has changed so much in our world, our communities, and our houses of worship, we must guard against fear and take heart because Jesus is with us. We will never be left adrift; Jesus is with us in these uncharted waters.

OFFERTORY MUSIC — “O Rest in the Lord” from *Elijah* by Mendelssohn

Cathy Jeffers

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart’s desires:

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart’s desires:

And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; and fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, wait patiently for Him.

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart’s desires:

And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires, and He shall give thee thy heart’s desires.

O rest in the Lord, O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.

The Prayers of the People, *ending with* The Lord’s Prayer

Many: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

Hymn — “How Firm a Foundation”

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Benediction

Postlude — “Praeludium in G minor,” BuxWV 149, by Buxtehude

Dr. Patricia Snyder

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1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change - less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open for those who wish to connect and chat—a bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”! We look forward to connecting with you!

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