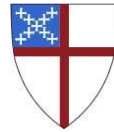


St. Augustine's

In The Woods



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A Celebration of Christ's Healing Ministry
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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Today we remember Teresa of Avila

Acclamation

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

People: **And also with you.**

Collect For Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, by your Holy Spirit you moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her excellent teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson Romans 8:22-27

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit

helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 42:1-7

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Canon Joan Anthony

Today we are remembering St. Teresa of Avila. Teresa was a sixteenth Spanish noblewoman who felt a call to enter convent life. She entered a Carmelite order and took lifelong vows as a nun.

The Carmelite charism is a gift that consists of three elements; they are Prayer, Community and Service. These elements form the distinct spirit that animates this religious community and gives it a particular character and identity. It suited Teresa very well, she had by then began to develop her life of prayer, contemplation and mysticism.

But soon God called her into a different ministry, a ministry of reform both of her order and of her church. A ministry focused more on community and service. Carmelites take vows of poverty, giving up all of their possessions and depending on God to provide. In reality, over the centuries while individual monks and nuns live without possessions the orders themselves have often grown wealthy. The strict rule in many houses had become somewhat weakened.

And so, Teresa set to work to reform the religious life. The work took her outside the convent, as she traveled around Spain founding new convents of a strict observance of poverty. She soon created controversy and came into conflict with the religious powers in Rome.

Women, in the sixteenth century and especially nuns were supposed to be obedient and bow to the authority of priests and men. That was not Teresa's style. One papal legate described her as a "restless wanderer, disobedient, and stubborn femina who, under the title of devotion, invented bad doctrines, moving outside the cloister against the rules of the Council of Trent and her prelates; teaching as a

master against Saint Paul's orders that women should not teach." It was not until 1970 that Pope Paul VI that she was named the first woman Doctor of the Church, a title that recognizes her significant contribution that recognized her as a theologian with a lasting influence on doctrine.

One of the many lessons of Teresa's life is the reality that God gives us gifts to be used for the benefit of the whole of humankind, for the Kingdom if you will. Those gifts sometimes lead us into paths of ministry that we would never have expected. I am sure that given her own choice, Teresa would have preferred to remain in the cloister, secure and safe. Instead she traveled throughout Spain in very difficult conditions, founding new convents, reforming the Church and in the view of some at least of her contemporaries 'stirring up trouble'. During this time she also was able to continue her study and writing which had a lasting impact of the concept of contemplation and prayer that continues to this day.

It was a busy life, a strenuous life, and one in which Teresa thrived. She died at age 67, a relatively old age for the period. The collect this morning prays that we will be "...nourished by her excellent teaching, and {that will be} enkindle {d} within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness." True holiness marked by a keen and unquenchable longing a deep relationship with God.

A Litany of Healing Form 2

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, those who suffer in mind and spirit, especially any we name now:

Pause

We pray for their families and friends and those who care for them.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice, and violence, especially any we name now:

Pause

We pray for all who work to relieve suffering, end division, overcome injustice and stop violence, especially any we name now:

Pause

We pray that conflict may be resolved and that justice may be served.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addictions or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all those whose suffering has distanced them from those who love them, especially any we name now:

Pause

We pray for the gifts of loving relationship and peace, and all who long for them.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those whose needs we do not know and those whose names we do not know, confident that they are known to you. We name in our hearts those who are close to us, for whom we pray:

Silence

We pray for the gifts of wisdom and insight, and the strength to support all who we encounter who are or have been lost.

May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

We pray especially for all those who have been touched by natural disasters, fire, tropical storm and hurricane throughout the nation. We pray for those who have been injured and for those who have lost their lives.

May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: 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 that 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.**

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

In the place of laying on of hands and anointing, the following takes place

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Holy Scripture teaches us that Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing through prayer in his name.

This ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to live wholesome lives and be one in the body of Christ. You are invited to share in this rite, asking for healing for yourself, and also for any concern or request you wish to make in the Name of the Holy and undivided Trinity.

While we are not able to be together in person, the ministry of healing and prayer continue without ceasing. The laying on of hands and the anointing with holy oil are the outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ and available to all who accept them in faith.

Raising my hand as a sign of blessing that is yours, I pray that you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace and that you may know the healing power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Teresa of Avila, Augustine, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

Those experiencing this liturgy at home are invited to pray:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Silence is kept

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Good and gracious God, Holy One in our midst: we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: God the Creator bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to that heavenly country; where Love lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Prayer List for St. Augustine's:

Eric Reid, Nancy Pendergast, Ianna King, Lorainne Bayes, Blythe Hewitt, Alex Roe, Andrea Roe, Beth & Mark Gearhart, Barbara Self, Barbara Houston, Kathryn Rickert, Debbie Kirchhauser, Lori Morrison, Fr Valery, Greg Murphy, Brian Van Wetter, Julie Bird, Joy & Craig Johnson, Sylvia Brooksbank, David Roe, Paul Loudon, Lydia Coats, Colleen Corbett, Dewey Martin, Deacon Dennis & Linda McManis, Kris Jaeger, Lisa Rohlfing, Debby Denno, Katie Reid, Diana Lindsey, Levi Doss, Amanda King, Jim Christiansen, Carole Halsan, Debbie Wright, Peter Martin, Nathan Arnold, Pete & Nettie Snyder, Katrina, Nadia, & Derek, Marianne Tuttle & family, Chris Lubinski, Ed Klein, Roger Howarth, Tom Bauling, Sydney McCready, Vina Kazsmarcek, Ray Kazsmarcek, LaurieJean, Nancy Cox, Babs & Gary Stone, Margaret Schultz, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Paris, Tim Smith, and Jim Ramler, Audrey Taie & family, all of the people at Maple Ridge, and Elliot Kearns & family, Austin Skubi, Lynn Willeford, Gavin Campbell, Ana Kinkaid, Suzy Palmer, Mark Halloran, John Meyer, Talia Petosa, Gary Smith, Cary Dial, Janie Warren, Jonathan Morgan & Dana Bublitz, Ruth Epstein, Alice O'Grady, Fr. Alexander Tkachenko, Dannette Masterson, Jill Uhacz, Diana Klein, Wally & Sally Campbell, Vickie Russo, Rick Schutte, and Jim Ramler.

Prayers for people who work on the front lines:

All those who are in the food supply chain, the farm workers, processors, delivery folks and the people in our local grocery stores
Maureen Masterson - Compass Health
Renee Wilson, Nurse, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN
Cheyenne Wilson, Nursing Asst, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN
Tommy Hanson - US Naval Hospital
Keith - Paramedic
Dawn Meyer, Psychologist, Seattle
Mark Taylor, Healthcare worker
Alysia Doss - ICU Nurse
Paulette Bishoff, Nurse
Christopher Doss, Home Health worker
Diana DiBiase, VA Hospital, Seattle
Liviya Thoreson Whyte, Hospitalist Providence
Lisa Dillon Lantz, Nurse
Amber Halligan, ICU Nurse
Sean Plattner - firefighter EMT

Matt Idso, Scientist - Institute for Systems Biology
Cricket Farr, Full Life Care, Seattle
Amy Breuninger, Healthgiver
Kenny Downs - Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
Denny Huff, Firefighter
April Wooderson - ER Nurse
Brook Wooderson - Police Dept.
Heather Wooderson - Police Dept.
Candra Ramezani - Firefighter
Lynsey Barker - Intubation nurse at Harborview, Seattle
Austin Skubi - Social Worker - Providence, Everett
The staff of Providence, Everett
Karen Eaton - Social Worker UW Hospital
Melissa Anthony EMT - Vancouver, WA fire department
Peggy Sinclair E.R. nurse Port Townsend WA
Staff at Careage, Coupeville, WA
Marshall Corson, Cardiologist UW Hospital
Kelly Jo Sandri, MD ER physician
Lesla Bjork, RN
Michela Mattens, Nurse
Debra Shreckenghost, ICU Nurse
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