Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

A Servant Church in the Heart of the City

Noonday Prayer
August 19, 2020 • 12 noon

Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.
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SERVICE NOTES: Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant  O God, make speed to save us.
People    O Lord, make haste to help us.
All          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.

Psalms 23

All  The Lord is my shepherd; *
     I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures *
     and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul *
     and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
     for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
     you have anointed my head with oil,
     and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
     and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

Matthew 20:1–16a

Officiant  Jesus said, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you
and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

All      Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Prayers  
Officiant  Lord have mercy.
People  Christ have mercy.
Officiant  Lord have mercy.
All  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 trespasses,  
      as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
      And lead us not into temptation,  
      but deliver us from evil.
Officiant  Lord, hear our prayer;
People  And let our cry come to you.
Officiant  Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Dismissal  
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. Amen.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant

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