Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
A Servant Church in the Heart of the City

Noonday Prayer
Lesser Feast of the Martyrs of Memphis: Constance & her Companions, 1878
September 9, 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.

PSALM 25:15–21

All  Turn to me and have pity on me, *
     for I am left alone and in misery.
The sorrows of my heart have increased; *
     bring me out of my troubles.
Look upon my adversity and misery *
     and forgive me all my sin.
Look upon my enemies, for they are many, *
     and they bear a violent hatred against me.
Protect my life and deliver me; *
     let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, *
     for my hope has been in you.
Deliver Israel, O God, *
     out of all his troubles.
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.

JOHN 12:24–28

Officiant  Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
     “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”
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.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death: Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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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