

Remembrance Sunday
November 8, 2020
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Triune God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

A moment for silence

God of mercy who has come to us in Jesus, the Prince of Peace,

We confess that we harbour anger and seek revenge.

We hear the prophet's proclamation to turn our swords into ploughshares,

But we eagerly make money by creating ever more deadly weapons.

Jesus blesses the peacemakers,

We prefer to remain peace-lovers.

The Spirit's gift to us is peace,

We seek peace for ourselves but fail to share it with others.

The Risen Christ's first word on Easter Morning was 'Peace!'

We are forgetful and too easily choose the path to conflict.

God of mercy, you look upon us knowing we have the capacity to annihilate this world you lovingly fashioned. You have also given your Son, your Beloved, who is the way and the truth to the fullness of new life. Help us to choose the narrow path, putting on the shoes of peace, and trusting your Spirit's urgings.

Hear this: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Be at peace, go in peace, and bring joy to the world. **Amen**

Gathering

Gathering Song: # 864 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your

kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Word

The response to "The Word of the Lord" is "Thanks be to God"

First Lesson Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

Second Lesson I Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The response to the announcement of the Gospel is "Glory to you, O Lord"

The response at the end of the reading is "praise to you, O Christ"

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon

Song of the Day #710 Let Streams of Living Justice

Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of Peace, in the beginning, your Spirit calmed the chaos so the work of creation could begin. In our day, we pray for Spirit's peace to touch the hearts and minds of all your people, calm our anger and fear, bless your peacemakers and grant us courage for the living of these days. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, there is anger, confusion and violence raging throughout the world. Bless our neighbour to the South, the United States that they may affirm their common ideals and resist the way of recrimination. And so in all nations, raise up those leaders who seek the welfare of all people. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Protector, Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One,

Draw near to those who are ill, in hospital or confined to their homes that they may know your healing presence. Bless our medical professionals and helpers and protect them in this age of Covid. Pray in silence for those whose needs are heavy upon our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed by 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 forever. Amen

Music for Reflection

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Loving God, as followers of Jesus we strive for the ways of peace. But in our fallen world there are times when evil rises with threats to all that is good and holy. In those times the Church asks your protection on those called to serve; and the Church offers thanksgiving and hope for families who mourn the loss of loved ones. As we pray for peace we also pray with gratitude for all who have gone to war for our country, many wounded, many dead, all carrying the inner burden of the terror they witnessed.

We pray for those who now serve in our military that they may not have to face such a challenge again. Bless those who keep the peace, who risk their lives for the innocent; and bless our chaplains that your Gospel may be heard even within the sounds of the cannons.

And make us doers of your word of peace, and not hearers only, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Sending

Blessing

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Sending Song

631 "Love Divine"

Dismissal

Beloved of God,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude