

11/15/2020

Sunday: Proper 28, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, Giver of every good gift.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise and thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Gracious Creator, your day draws near with deliberate haste. We prepare ourselves for the providence that you promise to us in Christ. As we gather in this place to give you all praise and glory, fill us so with the Holy Spirit that we may discern your will. May we thereby be led to worship you in all that we do, with thanksgiving to Jesus who shows us the way. Amen.

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (611)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. He expects us to praise you in all that we do; we take all the credit for those things we do well. Forgive us and help us to be more obedient. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul reminds us: "Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." Therein lies our assurance of pardon.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:14-30

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Using Our Talents

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (716)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, you endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to you in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before you, may they reflect a wise investment of your trust in us. May their yield continue to about as the work that we do spreads your will farther. Amen.

HYMN: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (546)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE