

Wednesdays in Lent 2023

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

March 15, 2023 7:00 pm

Faithful in Prayer

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Week 2: Faithful in Prayer

Gregory the Great; Patrick

Gregory the Great was a sixth-century pope who is often remembered as one of the “fathers of Christian worship” because of his work revising the liturgy and making developments in church music. Patrick was a missionary to Ireland. Called by God to carry the good news of Jesus to the Irish, he became one of the founders of the great Celtic tradition of Christianity. Patrick is famous for his defense of the Trinity. We remember that our Christian life is formed and sustained by worship and prayer. We need time to reflect and time to pray. God is far above and beyond our comprehension—we can never fully understand the divine—but we are called to worship God’s immense, unfathomable presence in us and all creation.

Welcome

GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts,
the saving grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING SONG—ACS 1033

Nothing can trouble

Please sing three times.



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

You are gracious and merciful, O God, slow to anger, rich in love. Receive our prayers as you have promised and uphold us by your Spirit, until all things, mended by your mercy, are made whole and well in you, through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope.

Amen.

ORACIÓN

Oremos

Clemente y misericordioso eres tú, oh Dios, lento para la ira, rico en amor. Recibe nuestras oraciones como lo has prometido y sostennos con tu Espíritu, hasta que todas las cosas, reparadas por tu misericordia, sean sanadas y sanas en ti, por Jesucristo, nuestro sanador y nuestra esperanza.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Faithful in Prayer

Isaiah 55:6-12

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaias 55:6-12

Busquen al Señor mientras puedan encontrarlo, llámenlo mientras está cerca. Que el malvado deje su camino, que el perverso deje sus ideas; vuélvanse al Señor, y él tendrá compasión de ustedes; vuélvanse a nuestro Dios, que es generoso para perdonar. Porque mis ideas no son como las de ustedes, y mi manera de actuar no es como la suya. Así como el cielo está por encima de la tierra, así también mis ideas y mi manera de actuar están por encima de las de ustedes. El Señor lo afirma. Así como la lluvia y la nieve bajan del cielo, y no vuelven allá, sino que empapan la tierra, la fecundan y la hacen germinar, y producen la semilla para sembrar y el pan para comer, así también la palabra que sale de mis labios no vuelve a mí sin producir efecto, sino que hace lo que yo quiero y cumple la orden que le doy. Ustedes saldrán de allí con alegría, volverán a su país con paz. Al verlos, los montes y las colinas estallarán en cantos de alegría y todos los árboles del campo aplaudirán.

Palabra de Dios

Demos gracias a Dios

HYMN-ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story

Please sing verse 1 only.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

REFLECTION

Pastor Zawistoski

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Lighting of the Faithful in Prayer Candle

HYMN-LBW 188

I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with various note values and rests.

Verses 2-5 are on the next page.



2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues
4 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the pow'r of
5 I bind un - to my - self the name, . the strong name



faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, . . . his eye to watch, his
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion



Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the
might to stay, . . his ear to hear - ken to my need, . the
of the same, . the Three in One and One in Three, . of



burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to
whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal



up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the Lord of



day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
give me speech, his heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

BLESSING

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. May the God who makes sinners into saints bless us, keep us, and give us peace, now and always.

Amen.

BENDICION

Teniendo en derredor nuestro tan grande nube de testigos, despojémonos también de todo peso y del pecado que nos asedia, y corramos con perseverancia la carrera que tenemos por delante, puestos los ojos en Jesús, el iniciador y consumador de nuestra fe. Que el Dios que hace santos a los pecadores nos bendiga, nos guarde y nos dé la paz, ahora y siempre.

Amen.

HYMN—ELW 426

Sing with All the Saints in Glory



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
- 3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

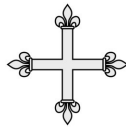
Dismissal

Go in peace, surrounded by the saints in light.

Thanks be to God.

Vayan en paz, rodeados de los santos en la luz

Gracias a Dios.



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