Prayer of Meditation

Before the service begins, we encourage you to use the following for meditation.

For Jesus, defeating your enemy had nothing to do with swords or armor. The only true way to defeat an enemy, even if the enemy is just an idea or a way of thinking, is to accept the enemy, in love and compassion, until we stop seeing an enemy at all. -Br. Nicholas Bartoli, SSJE

Entrance Hymn #486  “Hosanna to the living Lord”

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest:  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People:  Glory to God for ever and ever.
Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest and People:
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading  2 Samuel 7:1-14a  Reader: John Nelson

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of
“Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:20-37

20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.

29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven.'
"If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky."

The Second Reading  Ephesians 2:11-22

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People:  Thanks be to God.
Gradual Hymn #411  
“O bless the Lord, my soul”  
St. Thomas (Williams)

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
3. He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
4. He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
5. He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
6. Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole.

And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
and like the eagle he reneweth the vigor of thy youth.
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Gospel Reading  Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev. Greg Brown

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

My friends, God is with us. The Almighty is compassionate and hears our prayers; so let us pray,
“Compassionate God, have mercy on us.”

Loving God, through the waters of baptism you have accepted us as members of your household; through
Christ Jesus you have made us your dwelling place. Have compassion on our weakness; work powerfully
through your Church.
Silence
Intercessor: Compassionate God,
People: Have mercy on us.

Loving God, you proclaim peace to those who are far off and those who are near; you make strangers and
aliens citizens of your kingdom. We give you thanks for your welcoming, steadfast love.
The congregation may add their own thanksgivings.
Silence
Intercessor: Compassionate God,
People: Have mercy on us.
Loving God, your covenant with your creation you will never break. Give us the will to live at peace with all you have made.

Silence

Intercessor: Compassionate God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Loving God, you look at the hungry and the poor with compassion. Fill our hearts with the same compassion. Inspire us to love and serve those with whom we share our communities.

Silence

Intercessor: Compassionate God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Loving God, in your presence is healing and strength. We bring to you our sick and suffering.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Silence

Intercessor: Compassionate God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Loving God, we commend to you the dying and the dead. Bring them we pray into that heavenly country, where with apostles and prophets, they will live forever with Christ Jesus.

Silence

Intercessor: Compassionate God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Priest:

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.
Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation who are joining us via livestream are encouraged to post "Peace be with you" in the comments or to use the "like" or "love" reaction button to take part in the virtual exchange of God’s peace with the rest of the congregation at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

We are pleased to celebrate the following birthdays: Bree Johnson on July 19th, Donna Maldonado on July 20th, Linda Weifenbach on July 23rd.

Offertory Prayer

The People say together:

Loving God, you alone are the source of every good gift. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Now, help us to be grateful, accountable, and, with praise and thanksgiving, to give of ourselves generously, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

Presentation

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,
here below. Praise God, ye hosts in heav’n above; Praise God the Trinity of Love. Amen.
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in the world.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

B bst is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord,___

h os - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high est!

h os - san-na in the high est, ho - san-na in the high est, ho - san-na in the high est, ho - san-na, ho san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high est!
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your beloved children, that with Stephen and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The church teaches that temporal isolation cannot constrain the sacrament’s ineffable power. Calling us to “massive, corporate, spiritual communion,”

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Priest and People say together:  
Grant, O Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God. Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set belongs to God.  
Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing
Closing Hymn #529

“In Christ there is no East or West”

McKee

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
2. Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be!
3. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,

but one great fellowship of love through out the whole wide earth.
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him, through out the whole wide earth.

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: Thanks be to God.