

TODAY'S SERVICE

CULTIVATING CONNECTION WITH SELF, OTHERS, THE WIDE WORLD, AND GOD

FEEL FREE TO USE PRONOUNS OF YOUR CHOICE FOR ALL SONGS AND PRAYERS

Chimes

Gathering Statement

We gather this morning to connect with the Divine, with ourselves, with each other, and with the Oneness of all Creation. We gather because inclusive community built around shared stories and rituals inspires us to pursue justice and live out our values.

Song: Come Fall On Us

(Benoit Pasley Henry, Robin D Pasley)

A thankful heart

Prepares the way for you my God

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Prepares the way for you my God

Come fall on us, we fall on you

A thankful heart will be our rhythm

Come fall on us, we fall on you

A thankful heart will be our song

Sarum Prayer

God be in my head

and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes

and in my looking;

God be in my mouth

and in my speaking;

God be in my heart

and in my thinking;

God be at my end

and at my departing

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 18 in the Sarah Ruden translation:

Now [Jesus] told a story for comparison, to show that it's essential to pray at all times and not get discouraged. He told them, "There was a certain judge in a certain town who didn't fear god or feel any compunction toward mankind. There was a widow in that town, and she kept coming to him, saying 'Give me lawful vindication against my opponent at law!' For some time, he was unwilling. But later on, he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear god or feel any compunction toward mankind, still, as this

widow is giving me so much trouble, I'll give her vindication, so that she doesn't keep and beat me down in the end and and leave me with a black eye.'" And the master said, 'Listen to what the judge who doesn't care about the law says, Won't god vindicate those he's chosen who shout for him day and night? Is he going to wait patiently where they're concerned? I tell you that he'll give them vindication in a hurry. Be that as it may, will the son of mankind find trust on earth when he comes?"

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Remembering the Names: Patrick Lyoya, Xiaojie Tan, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Joshua Spottedhorse, Natasha McKenna, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Riah Milton, Walter Wallace Jr, Aidan Ellison, Ezell Ford, Corey Kanosh, Yong Ae Yue, Robert Fuller, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Jaswinder Singh, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela, Andrew Brown Jr., Cornelius Fredericks, Brandon Laducer, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Prayer for Loved Ones: Annie, Kristy, Laura, Deb, Audrey, Jessica, Lisa and Jason, Dave and Heather, Kris, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Johnny, Mindy, William, Caleb, Anne, Laretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Lilliana, Leah, Alicia, Patrisse, Opal, Ozone House, immigrants and those we lift up in silence.

Call and Response

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion

Oh, let Your justice roll down (Let Your justice roll down)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin_dom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And 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 kin_dom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now
and forever. Amen.

Daughters of Zion

(By The Porter's Gate)

When will the truth come out?
When will Your justice roll down?
When will Your kingdom come
And evil be undone?
When will the wicked kneel
And the abused be healed?
When will our siblings speak
With no more shame or fear?

How long? How long?
When will the daughters of Zion rejoice
In the house of the Lord?

Out of the miry clay
We will rise up someday
Sorrow won't always last
The dark will surely pass
Woe to the wicked ones
For what their hands have done
God is our righteous judge
And They will raise us up

So how long? How long?
When will the children of Zion rejoice
In the house of the Lord?

So let Your justice roll down
Let Your justice roll down
Let Your justice roll down (Let Your justice roll down)
Let Your justice roll down (Let Your justice roll down)
Let Your justice roll down (Let Your justice roll down)
Oh, let Your justice roll down (Let Your justice roll down)
Let Your justice roll down (Let Your justice roll down)

How long? How long?
When will the daughters of Zion rejoice
In the house of the Lord?

Communal Prayer Call & Response

Leader: The highest skies are in love with You.
The great Earth opens its palms in peace.

Everyone:

**Our truest being is anchored in Your goodness.
You are God, Compassionate being of three.**

Leader: Everything praises You, sound its true note.
All the Enlightened chant praises.

Everyone:

**Every being takes its refuge in You, And the
light of Your Holy Compassion frees us all.**

Leader: Everything looks to you, without thinking.
Shower us with Your Healing Rain!

Everyone:

**Help us to overcome, give life to what has
withered, And water the roots of kindness in
us.**

Psalm 18

(By Citizens)

Burdened by death
Desperate for life
You found me in darkness
And put me in your light
You gave me a song
And I'll shout it with joy
Cause the curse has been lifted
And you've won the war

Alleluia

Mighty God, You are my rock and shield,
A fortress that fights off fear,
Saved from my enemy, salvation bringing victory
Loving in all your ways, worthy of unending praise
Alleluia

Why did I doubt, Your power to save
And rescue me from, the shadow of shame
No end to the drum, no rest for my mouth
The battle that's waging, cannot silence the shout

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Mighty God, You are my rock and shield,
A fortress that fights off fear,
Saved from my enemy, salvation bringing victory
Loving in all your ways, worthy of unending praise

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Lord, my strength, comes from what you provide
Without it, I can't survive
In trial if I face fear, I will not forget
My strength, comes from what you provide
Without it, I can't survive
In trial if I face fear, I will not forget you're near
In every step I take, Your promises stay the same

Mighty God, You are my rock and shield,
A fortress that fights off fear,
Saved from my enemy, salvation bringing victory
Loving in all your ways, worthy of unending praise,
Loving in all your ways, worthy of unending praise

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Benediction From Clarissa Pinkola Estes: One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these - to be fierce and to show mercy toward others; both are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity. Shine in the shadows! Believe that you were made for these times!

***Go in peace. Wash your hands. Love your neighbors.
You are not alone.***

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