

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

People’s response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

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1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

People’s response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “O for a thousand tongues to sing” *Blue Hymnal 493*
(vv. 1-3 before Gospel; vv. 4-6 after Gospel)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52

People’s response before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

People’s response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

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— from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary

The Leader and People pray responsively

Lord, you sent your Son to live among us so that we might know you better. Hear us now as we pray, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, grant your church a true heart for the good news you give us in the words of scripture and in the Word made flesh, Jesus. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant our nation a strong sense of service and an urgency to provide for all people. Especially bless our President, Vice-President, all those who serve the White House, the Congress, and Supreme Court with hearts that serve every citizen of this great country. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant to all communities the things we need for true life— shelter, food, education, safety, and opportunity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy grant to our families and friends a sense of wonder at the world you created for us and that same sense of gratitude for all the people who you created to serve this world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, grant health and healing for our relationships with you, and with our families and friends. Mend broken hearts and give us pathways to reconciliation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray especially for ... [Names from prayer list in insert]. In your mercy bless the sick and suffering with healing. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy receive the dying into your loving arms and grant them a new life in your kingdom.

Comfort those who mourn and bring them into deeper relationship with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask this in the name of the One God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We praise you and bless you, this day and always. Amen.

The People may add their own petitions.

You have promised to hear and respond to us when we gather in your name; answer us with your loving kindness that our hopes maybe fulfilled. All this we ask through the One who showed us your love most perfectly, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins to God. *(Silence may be kept.)*

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 you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

