



Order of Service for Sunday, November 14, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost

***= stand if you wish, and are able.**

Thank you for joining us today.

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Prelude, *God's Eye is On the Sparrow*, Peter Black

(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

Introit, *Love and Justice*

*Love and Justice, Peace and Power, show us how to live each hour.
Raise us up, and set us free, show us how to live and be.
Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, here's a place hope never ends.
Love and Justice, Peace and Power, God is with us in this hour.
God is with us in this hour, God is with us in this hour,
God is with us in this hour.*

Call to Worship (Psalm 16)

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Many: You are my God; I have no good apart from you.

One: I bless God who gives me counsel;

Many: In the night, my heart instructs me.

One: I keep God always before me;

Many: Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

Many: My body also rests secure, for God is with me.

One: In your presence there is fullness of joy;

Many: At your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Amen.

Opening Hymn, *On Eagle's Wings (Green Gather Hymnal No.611)

Unison Prayer

Still-speaking God, sometimes I may catch myself regretting the past or worrying about the future. Yet I know such preoccupation is not helpful to me. In truth, the present moment is all there is, so I choose to live fully in the now. I realize my thoughts and actions have brought me to this moment and its blessings. Now, I plant new seeds of positive possibilities. I sow ideas of happiness, abundance and love, and cultivate feelings of joy, prosperity, and appreciation. As I live fully in the present moment, I am continually blessed. Thank you, God.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

***Passing the Peace** *Spirit, Fill Me*

*Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace,
fill me with your joy and your love.
Spirit come and show me, show me how to care,
show me how to share your light.
Help me give my hand to those in need,
let my heart be open to receive.
When we share your love, we can work together
to heal this broken world.
Spirit come and fill us, fill us with your peace,
fill us with your joy and your love,
Spirit come and show us, show us how to care,
show us how to share your light.*

Words of Integration & Guidance by Rev. Michael Najim

So you have a problem. You find that you're spending way too much time either dwelling on the past or thinking about the future. You truly want to stop, but you don't know how. You wonder why you lack interior peace and joy, but the answer is right before you—literally right before you. It's called the present moment. One of the reasons we sometimes miss the gifts that God wants to give to us each day is because we so often fail to live in the present moment. What happens when we dwell on the past? We feel regret, we dwell in our hurts or in our failures. What happens when we live in the future? We experience fear of the unknown or what may be; we worry about how events may turn out; we conjure up scenarios that cause us great anxiety. No wonder why people who dwell on the past and who live in the future fail to experience the peace and joy that God wants to give them in the present moment. The past is gone; the future is not here; and it is simply irrational to spend our mental energy on things that cause us such interior turmoil. Dwelling on the past and living in the future are both evidence of our lack of trust in God: lack of trust in God's mercy for our past and lack of trust in God's loving care for our future. So what does Jesus say about all this? Regarding the past: *"Your sins are forgiven"* and regarding the future: *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"* God lives in the eternal present. When God revealed His name to Moses, God said, "I Am Who Am." God did not say, "I was who was" or "I will be who will be." *God simply said, "I Am." We need to learn to dwell with God where God is, and that is only in the present moment. Be still and know the "I Am."*

This is the Day

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 13:1-8**

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Brother Al Mascia, OFM

Offering & Offertory *“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”*
Stan Greene and Peter Black

The Power of “Now”

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: Alleluia!

One: O God,

Many: Hear our prayer.

***Doxology** *Give Thanks to the Lord*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good
and God’s mercy shall endure.
For God alone has done marv’lous things,
give thanks unto the Lord.
God made the earth and heaven
with a strong and mighty hand.
God has moved us to sing, proclaim this song!
Give thanks unto our God.*

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is good to give God thanks & praise

***Creation's Praise** *Sanctus (Patriquin)*

*Holy holy holy,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes,
who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the high – est!*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

Give Us This Day

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer**

Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** *The Lord is My Shepherd* (Green Gather Hymnal No.643)

***Benediction**

Postlude *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, Peter Black

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