

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 28, 2021

Opening Song: Let Justice Roll

Let jus-tice roll, roll down like wa - ter, and right-eous-ness___ like a flow-ing
stream. Let jus - tice roll, roll down like wa - ter, and
right - eous - ness_____ like a flow - ing stream.

One of these days,

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My soul

Is an eagle

In the cage that the Lord

Has made for me.

My soul

My soul

My soul

Is caged in,

In this old body,

Yes it is,

And one of these days

The man who made the cage

Will open the door

And let my soul

go

- Rev. Clarence LaVaughn Franklin

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

1. Je - sus calls us;— o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
2. as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3. Je - sus calls us— from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store;
4. In our joys and— in our sor - rows, days of toil and— hours of ease,
5. Je - sus calls us!— By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior, may we— hear thy call,

day by day— his clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Christ - ian, fol - low me;"
turned from home and toil and— kin - dred, leav - ing all— for his dear sake.
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."
still he calls,— in cares and— plea - sures, "Christ - ian, love me more than these."
give our hearts to thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Message

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Lector: A reading from Genesis

pause

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make

my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30

Lector: Psalm 22

pause

- 22 **P**raise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Romans 4:13-25

Lector: A reading from Romans

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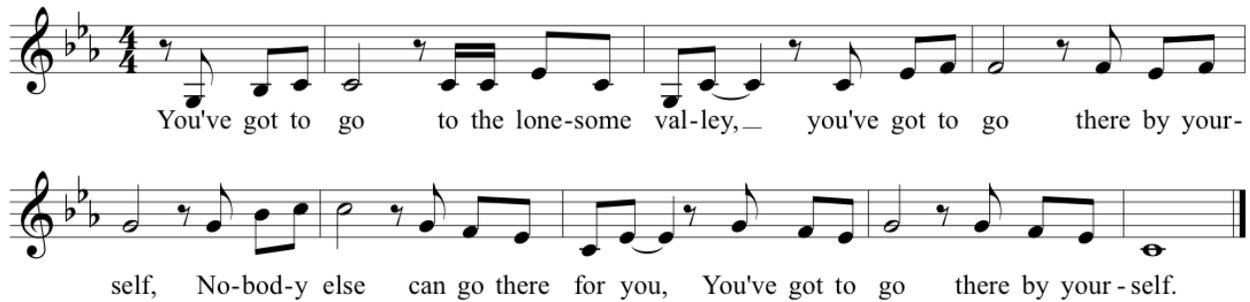
For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: You've Got to Go to the Lonesome Valley



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "You've got to go to the lone-some val-ley, — you've got to go there by your- self, No-bod-y else can go there for you, You've got to go there by your - self." The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Mark 8:31-38

Officiant: The holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

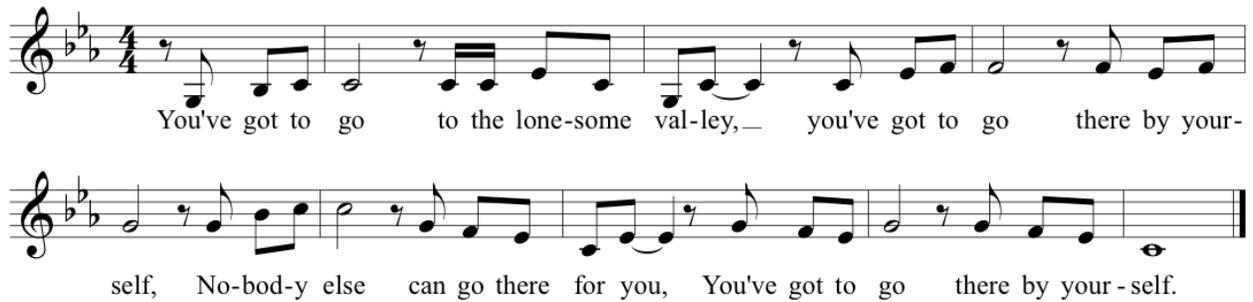
Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence: You've Got to Go to the Lonesome Valley



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You've got to go to the lone-some val-ley,— you've got to go there by your-
self, No-bod-y else can go there for you, You've got to go there by your - self.

Sermon

Fr. Joseph Harmon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant: Lets us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the 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

Loving and forgiving God, we know our relationships are not as you would have them be. In a world where whiteness confers privilege some of us are brutalized while others inherit security, opportunities and power.

When we pray, ‘your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven’ give us the determination and insight to act upon that for which we ask in our communities and the world.

People: Keep us awake, O Lord.

We confess our own complicity in the status quo which divides and distorts humanity. We confess our failures to speak out against injustice.

People: Keep us awake, O Lord.

We pray for our churches. May they become truth telling, justice-seeking, life-giving examples of the Holy Spirit Christ bestowed upon his followers to the neighborhoods in which we worship, serve and live

People: Keep us awake, O Lord.

You are welcomed to unmute your selves and offer your intercessions and thanksgivings and prayer requests now.

You may share you prayers and thanksgivings

Loving and forgiving God, hear the desires of our hearts to be different, grant us your forgiveness, and remake us according to the likeness of Christ. Amen.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he/they begin another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory: Deep River (video)

The Lord's Prayer (video)

Moment of Reflection Before the Monstrance

In this time when we can't share communion we've moved our worship from the altar, our family table, to the baptistery. In the waters of baptism Christ makes us his own forever. There is nothing in heaven or on earth that can separate us from God's love. Hold on to that in your heart and do not let go!

This monstrance contains communion bread. During this Eucharistic fast Jesus, the Bread of Heaven, our Manna in the wilderness, is still with us. Though separated we remain part of each other: the body of Christ in the world.

Together let us share a moment of silent reflection before the presence of Jesus in this bread that makes us one.

silence

Adore and praise the immense love Jesus has for you in this Sacrament of Himself. In order not to leave you a lonely orphan in this land of exile and misery, He comes from heaven for you personally, to offer you companionship and consolation. Thank him therefore, with all your love and all your strength; thank him in union with all the saints!

- Fr. Vincent M. Lucia

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Peter, Don't Be Afraid (video)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.