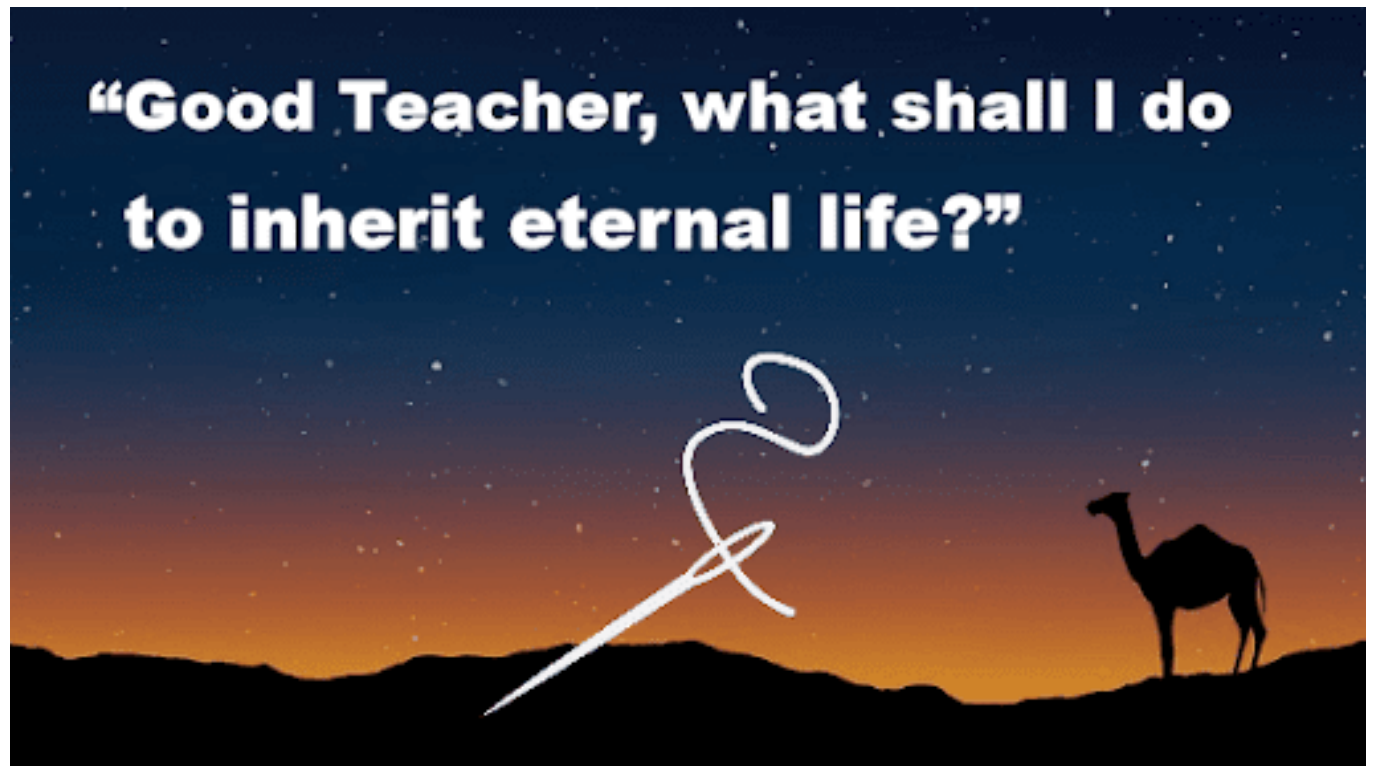


*PRAYER SERVICE*

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m.*



**Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension  
Northwoods, MO**

## "ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP"

### OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come, Thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing. Tune my heart to sing thy  
2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer. Hith-er by thy help I'm  
3. O. to grace how great a debt-or. Dai-ly I'm con-strained to

1. grace: Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing. Call for songs of loud-est  
2. come: And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure. Sure-ly to ar-rive at  
3. be: Let that grace, Lord, like a fet-ter. Bind my won-d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net. Sung by flam-ing tongues a  
2. home. Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger. Wan-d'ring from the fold of  
3. Thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel-it. Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.  
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it from thy courts a-bove.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

## THE 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 Savior. ***Amen.***

## SONG OF PRAISE: GLORIA (spoken)

***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.***

*Celebrant* God is with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Job 23:1-9, 16-17**

A Reading from the Book of Job

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!  
I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.  
I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.  
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.  
There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.  
"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

*People* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
***and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?***
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
***by night as well, but I find no rest.***
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
***enthroned upon the praises of Israel.***
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
***they trusted, and you delivered them.***
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
***they trusted in you and were not put to shame.***
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
***scorned by all and despised by the people.***
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
***they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,***
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
***let him rescue him, if he delights in him."***
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
***and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.***
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
***you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.***
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
***and there is none to help.***
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
***strong bulls of Bashan surround me.***
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
***like a ravening and a roaring lion.***
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
***my heart within my breast is melting wax.***
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
***and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.***

## THE SECOND LESSON

## Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**SEQUENCE HYMN**    *“Keep Me Every Day”*

♪ KEEP ME EVERY DAY ♪

Verse One

Lord, I want to live for thee,  
Ev'ry day and hour;  
Let thy spirit be with me,  
In its saving pow'r!

Refrain

Keep my heart, and keep my hand,  
Keep my soul, I pray!  
Keep my tongue to speak thy praise,  
Keep me all the way!

Verse Two

In my weakness be my strength;  
In my trials all,  
Be thou near me all the day,  
Hear my ev'ry call!

Refrain

Keep my heart, and keep my hand,  
Keep my soul, I pray!  
Keep my tongue to speak thy praise,  
Keep me all the way!

Verse Three

Leave me not to walk alone,  
Lest I droop and die;  
Let thy spirit go with me,  
And attend my cry!

Refrain

Keep my heart, and keep my hand,  
Keep my soul, I pray!  
Keep my tongue to speak thy praise,  
Keep me all the way!

## THE GOSPEL

## Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*      ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## THE SERMON

Valerie E. Patton



## 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      FORM VI**

*The Worship Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world.  
***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Deon our Bishop. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Francis' Episcopal Church (2000), Eureka. We pray for Laurie, their Vicar. We pray for Renee, our Rector, and Jamal, our Assisting Clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those of others especially:

The Rev. E. Henry Adams	Cleo Anderson	Joey Beeker
Rose Marie Bell	Chazetta Bland	V. Lester Bond
Rickie Bradley	Harold Briggs	Juanita Carroll
Lorenzo Carter	Bessie Clemmons	Stephanie Curry-Edward
Keyanna Dorsey and Family	Aubrey Escoffery	Carman Gayden
Antonio Graves	Suzanne Harris	John & Sharon Jackson
Doug Jones	Mary K. Jones	Ruby Mathews
Joe & Billa McClain	Diana Oliver	Helen Owens

Arvel Parker  
Florence Ross  
Gerri Sleydin  
Larry Williams

Ezell Roberts  
Larry Sample  
Rodney Weade

Marion Robinson  
Sallie Simmons  
Douglas Williams

For all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force  
Sr. Airman Matthew Heeter- United States Air Force  
Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army  
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve

### **A Prayer in This Time of Pandemic**

Loving God, your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.  
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.  
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.  
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice masking and social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon. **Amen.**

- Sister Christine Koelhoeffer, IHM

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, O God;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Eternal One, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*Pause*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***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.***

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, 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.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*We thank you, O God, for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present, O Jesus, as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again face-to-face. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those whom we love or those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind and may the Divine Mystery that is beyond our ability to know be your companion along the way. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

### ***Today's Liturgical Leaders***

#### ***Celebrant***

*The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector*

#### ***Assisting Clergy***

*The Rev. Jamal Scarlett*

#### ***Worship Leader***

*Machelle West*

#### ***Reader***

*Dawn Johnson*

#### ***Minister of Music***

*Rick Earley*

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*Betty Brown*

*Michael Griffin,*

*Clerk*

## REMINDERS

### EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION MOMENT IN TIME

The Episcopal City Mission (ECM) will host its Moment in Time Gala and Auction on Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Registration is required to participate in this virtual event. Please contact the ECM Executive Director, Beth Goad, at [ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com](mailto:ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com) or call 314-436-3545 if you plan to attend ASAP.

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 7<sup>th</sup>. A special tribute will be made for those who have passed on since November 2020. Names of your family or friends who have passed should be submitted to the Administrative Assistant by Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> via email, [allsaintsadminasst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allsaintsadminasst@sbcglobal.net), or leave a message at 314-367-2314.

### 182<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

The 182<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will be held November 18-20, 2021. Lay and clergy members from all areas of our diocese are encouraged to participate in diocesan committees. The positions that will be elected are:

- Standing Committee: 1 clergy and 2 lay members for 4-year terms
- Diocesan Council: 2 lay members for 3-year terms
- Disciplinary Board: 1 clergy member for 3-year term

### NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY INTERFAITH PEACE PICNIC

The Pallottine Renewal Center is hosting an outdoor Interfaith Peace Picnic on their grounds, 15270 Old Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63034, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be the first of its kind in North St. Louis County. After a year of unrest, isolation and division, the goal is to create a peaceful circle of space open to all, gathering people of many faiths. The afternoon will offer the opportunity to embrace our differences and our similarities through information tables, entertainment, food and fellowship for adults and children. All are welcome to attend.

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