

# VIRTUAL CHAPEL SERVICE

October 28 and November 7, 2020



“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:16 (NRSV)



# Gathering as the Body of Christ.

CENTERING SONG

“AGNUS DEI”

MICHAEL W. SMITH

**Alleluia alleluia  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia alleluia  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia**

**(You are) Holy holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Amen**

GREETING

PRESIDER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One        Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
              Worship the Lord with gladness;  
              come into his presence with singing.

Many        **Know that the Lord is God.  
              It is he that made us, and we are his;  
              we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name..

**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

OPENING HYMN

“GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”

PUBLIC DOMAIN

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; fill our lives that

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like grac - es,

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, lest we fail our call from

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Now let us come before God with words of confession:

**Loving and Gracious God, forgive us for we have gone astray from your ways.  
Soften our hearts so we may come to you in contrition.**

**You taught us that:**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit.**

**But we put all pride in ourselves.**

**Blessed are those who mourn.**

**But we only mourn when others are happy.**

**Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers.**

**But we rage and makes wars.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

**But we shirk from virtue and seek malice.**

**Blessed are the merciful.**

**But we call for vengeance and wrath.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart.**

**But we cheapen our hearts with lust and dark thoughts.**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.**

**But we don't stand up for the persecuted nor the righteous.**

**Ever forgiving God, allow us grace to walk again in the light so we may be light to the world.**

**We ask this for our good and Your glory. AMEN.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God forgives us and allows us to be renewed.

That is the good news and the free Grace we are given.

Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel

**Many In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**All Thanks be to God**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to pass the peace to each other by waving or by typing in the chat function in Zoom.

Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us share this peace with one another.

Service of the Word

In that very first episode  
 the transmission is received on the starship Enterprise  
 that Space Commander Dominguez urgently needs his supplies.  
 Kirk tells Uhura to assure him  
 that the peppers are “prime Mexican reds  
 but he won’t die if he goes a few more days without ’em.”  
*Calm down Mexican.*  
*You can wait a few more days to get your chile peppers.*

In the corner of my eye I see Uhura’s back hand twitch  
 and though I never see him on the screen  
 I image José giving Kirk a *soplamoco* to the face.

But this is the year 2266 and there are Latinos in Outer Space!  
 We never see them, but they’ve survived with their surnames  
 and their desire, deep in the farthest interplanetary reaches,  
 for a little heat to warm the bland food on the starbase at Corinth 4.  
 As it is on earth so it shall be in heaven.

Ricardo Montalbán will show up 21 episodes later  
 to play a crazy mutant *Indio*,  
 superhuman and supersmart  
 who survived two centuries  
 to slap Kirk around and take over his ship.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

### MATTHEW 20:1-16

### NRSV

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has

hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

**DR. DARRYL STEPHENS**

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

One            We lift our prayers to You,  
                  O Love Above All Loves,  
                  and place our hearts and souls within your keeping:

**Many            Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to walk in humility and compassion, Jesus  
as companions in joy and sorrow with all the earth,  
which you created in unity  
for the sake of love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

You gave your life as a ransom for all, O Savior:  
let us dedicate ourselves  
to serving God and each other  
in love and faithfulness  
according to your commandment.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to seek the good of others, O Redeemer,  
to serve rather than be served,  
that we may embody your grace and mercy.

Lord hear our prayer.

By the path we take today, O God,  
may we shine forth the love of God into darkness,  
reconcile the world to your truth,  
and proclaim your marvels as your witnesses.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of Hope, kindle your light within us,  
and pour out your grace and peace  
upon those for whom we pray.

**Amen.**

## Service of the Table

**OFFERTORY**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY SONG**

**“SANCTUARY”**

**AAHH 462**

**Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You**

Presider The Lord be with you

**Many (Chapel Team) And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,

and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory

till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,  
you have revealed yourself to the world.

**By the guiding of a star,  
you made him known to the nations  
as the son of David and king of Israel;  
that in following him,  
we might be led from darkness  
and into his marvelous light.**

As children of your redeeming purpose  
who celebrate the manifestation of your Son  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Parent.

In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.

**Our hope is built on the one  
in whom you are well pleased.  
Having been shown to the world  
as your beloved Son,  
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.**

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
desiring to complete the work

for which he came into the world,

at supper with his disciples

he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,

that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful God,

and send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and this wine,

that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,

they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

## Going Forth as the Body of Christ

**CLOSING SONG**

**“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”**

**AAHH 399**

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north;  
But one great fam'ly bound by love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples in the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serve each other in Christ's love  
Are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**"IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"**

**INSTRUMENTAL REPRISE**

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