

MORNING WORSHIP

WITH CHRISTINE GHINN

16TH OCTOBER 2022

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WITH ALL I AM

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CCLI: 4257734

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUtjz7H_DCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(BASED ON GENESIS 32:22-31)

We gather here in anticipation,
seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
who richly blesses us,
and calls us each by name.
Let's worship God together!

OPENING HYMN

BLESSED ASSURANCE - SOF 44

CCLI: 22324

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SSjicZO6_g

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: WALKING WITH GOD

Almighty God,
You have set before us the path
but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all our and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.

**Remind us, parental God,
that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.**

Help us to seek You every day,
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.
In the name of Christ,
who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray.
Amen.

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

SONG

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

CityAlight Music

CCLI: 7036096

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roQovDZeAWE>

THE COLLECT

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The reading is taken from Genesis 32:22-31

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God.

Our hearts and our minds are open.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME - ACF 14

Matt Redman and Beth Redman

CCLI: 3798438

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The reading is taken from Luke 18:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

SONG

COME LET US RETURN TO THE LORD - ACF 22

Graham Kendrick

CCLI: 1595221

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuBdLAv2I88>

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with us.
Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

FATHER, BLESS US AS WE GO - ACF 30 (AS CANON)

Robin Mann

CCLI: 618422

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POBe6v4fB10>

THE BLESSING

From where will help come in times of trouble?

**Our help comes from God,
who created the heavens and the earth.**

God will not let us stumble or fall;
the one who watches over us never tires and never sleeps.

**It is God who watches over us,
whose protective presence stands beside us.
Neither the bright light of the sun,
nor the dim light of the moon will harm us.**

May God continue to watch over us as we come and go,
keeping us safe from harm, this day and forever. **Amen.**

NOTICES

SENDING

Let us go now,
to strive like Jacob for blessing,
persistent as the widow demanding justice,
praying always and not losing heart.

Amen

POSTLUDE

Footnotes Liturgy

- **Call to Worship:** [re:Worship](#)
- **Prayer of Confession:** written by Rev Mindi, and posted on [Rev-o-lution](#).
- **The Blessing:** [re:Worship](#)
- **The Sending:** [Church of Scotland](#)