

An Order of Worship for the Evening in the time of the United States Election

Monday, November 2, 2020

7:00 pm

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:14-16)

Jesu, Jesu

Tom Colvin

Chorus 1

Jesu Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve, the neighbors we have from You.

Verse 1: Kneels at the feet of His friends. Silently washes their feet. Master who pours out himself for them.

Verse 2: Neighbors are rich and poor. Neighbors are black and white. Neighbors are near and far away.

Verse 3: These are the ones we should serve. These are the ones we should love. All these are neighbors to us and You.

Verse 4: Kneel at the feet of our friends. Silently washing their feet. This is the way we should live with You.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³ Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴ The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸ The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

¹¹ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹² The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from Genesis

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plenteous years the earth produced abundantly. He gathered up all the food of the seven years when there was plenty in the land of Egypt, and stored up food in the cities; he stored up in every city the food from the fields around it. So Joseph stored up grain in such abundance—like the sand of the sea—that he stopped measuring it; it was beyond measure.

The seven years of plenty that prevailed in the land of Egypt came to an end; and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in every country, but throughout the land of Egypt there was bread. When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.' And since the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine became severe throughout the world.

The Word of the Lord.

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A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. (*1 Timothy 2:1-7*)

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A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said, 'Why do you call me "Lord, Lord" and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.'" (*Matthew 6:46-49*)

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Litany of Prayer

For Citizens, and all who call the United States home (Book of Common Prayer, page 823)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

Guide us, O God, through this election as we vote for people at every level of government to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ teaches us. **Amen.**

For Sound Government (Book of Common Prayer, page 821)

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, to all in administrative authority, and especially those elected today, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Silence

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, especially those elected today, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Silence

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Silence

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***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.***

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

For the Nation (*Book of Common Prayer, page 258*)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

The People respond

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

America the Beautiful

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