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WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Informal Service of Holy Communion September 22, 2019

Greeting and Introduction to the Service

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Together **Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Song

River to Pray

Traditional

*As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!*

*O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray*

*Additional verses in place of "Sisters":
Brothers, Mothers, Fathers, Sinners...)*

*O sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

People **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our**

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.'

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Reflection

Please join in a reflective conversation about the Gospel reading of the day.

Prayers of the People

After each bidding, please respond, Hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Chris Tomlin

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

Refrain

***My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me***

***And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace***

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

Refrain (x2)

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Celebrant ... we acclaim you, O Christ

Together **Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Christ Jesus come in glory.**

Post Communion Prayer

Together **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming**

love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Communion Song

Be Thou my Vision

arr. Audrey Assad

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true
Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art
High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's
Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all*

Closing Song

O How Good it Is

Keith and Kristyn Getty

*Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.*

Chorus

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His
word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people.*

*Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.*

Chorus

*Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit.*

Chorus