

# Sung Evening Prayer

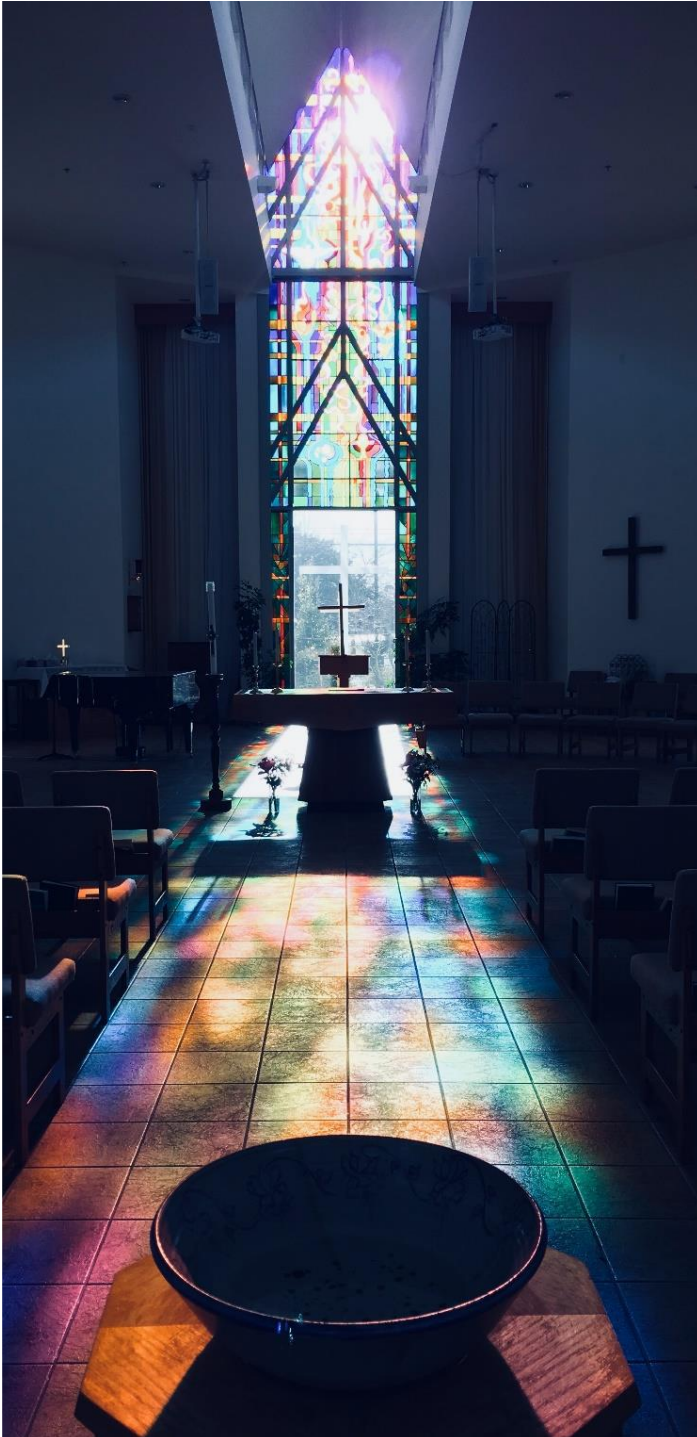
*with Cathy Hardy & friends*



the Parish of St. Dunstan

June 28, 2020





Dear friends,

We have been separated at this time in order to protect the vulnerable among us. Thank you for your loving-kindness for your neighbour.

Our gathering, though online, is still the gathering of God's Beloved Children. And God's Beloved Children know that space and time does not separate us from one another when we are connected in the love of Christ. We are together. Let us take comfort in that tonight.

Tonight, we reflect on the gracious presence and love of God, especially as it is reflected in the stories of Jesus and children. As children of God we are embraced by God and stand with our brother, Jesus.

In all things, let us give thanks and dedicate ourselves to the love of neighbour we are especially called to show at this time, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Helper. Amen.

the Reverend David Taylor  
*Rector of the Parish of St. Dunstan*

*We gather in stillness & in quiet as we prepare our hearts for worship. Please turn your camera off for the duration of the service. We will turn cameras on to share the peace at the conclusion.*

*Welcome & Prayer*

*Song*            **Ubi caritas, et amour. Ubi caritas, deus ibi est**

*Song*            **We wait in the silence, we wait in the darkness,  
we wait in the spaces unknown.  
We hope in the silence, we hope in the darkness,  
we hope in the spaces unknown.  
We sing in the silence, we sing in the darkness,  
we sing in the spaces unknown.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**Love is at the centre of my being.  
Light expands, fire burns.  
Love is at the centre of my being.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

*Prayer*            Living Presence,  
Surrounding, Enfolding  
Igniting, Sustaining  
Increase our awareness tonight  
That there is no separation

As we open, as we allow  
We receive  
The grace that is  
Always available

May we drink deeply tonight  
Of the profound and generous grace  
Rising up  
Pouring over  
Flowing through

*Song*

We lean back **(We lean back)** into love's delight.  
Always here **(Always here)** healing our hearts.  
**Aligning us with truth, aligning us with truth and joy**

We lean back **(We lean back)** into waters of grace.  
Always here **(Always here)** restoring our hearts.  
**Drawing from the well, drawing from the well within.**

We lean back **(We lean back)** into the fire of love.  
Always here **(Always here)** igniting our hearts.  
**Lifting us to serve, lifting us to serve with peace.**

*Song*

**Remain in love.**  
**There is no separation.**  
**My home is in you.**



**That we might radiate love, that we might radiate love.**

Have mercy on me, O Gracious One  
According to your steadfast love  
According to your abundant kindness  
Forgive me where my thoughts and deeds have hurt others

**That we might radiate love, that we might radiate love**

Lead me in the paths of justice  
Guide my steps on paths of peace  
Teach me, that I may know my weaknesses,  
The shortcomings that bind me

**That we might radiate love, that we might radiate love**

You have placed your truth in the inner being  
Therefore, teach me the wisdom of the heart  
Forgive all that binds me in fear  
That I might radiate love

**That we might radiate love, that we might radiate love**

Cleanse me that your light might shine in me  
Fill me with gladness  
Help me to transform weakness into strength

**That we might radiate love, that we might radiate love**

Enfold me in the arms of Love  
And fill me with your Spirit  
Restore in me the joy of your grace

**That we might radiate love, that we might radiate love**

Let the nations turn from war  
And encourage one another as neighbors  
O Blessed and Compassionate Friend,  
Melt our hearts of stone and guide our steps toward the way of peace.

*the Story*

A couple of stories from the gospel according to Mark.

*Two minutes of silence.*

*What if a posture of prayer is to lean back?*

*How do I become aware of Christ praying for me? For us?*

*How do I become aware of the gaze of Christ towards me? Towards us?*

*Towards all?*

*Song*

I am with you **(you are with me)**      *3 times*  
**here.**

**And I rest in your presence**      *3 times*  
**Now**

**Love behind me, love before me, love on my left and my right.  
Love above me, love below me, love within and around.**

*Song*

**Don't be afraid, my love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

*Song*

**Mercy, mercy, mercy to the ones I forgive.  
Mercy, mercy, mercy to my own dear soul.**

**Healing, healing, healing to the ones suffering.  
Healing, healing, healing to my own dear soul.**

**Blessing, blessing, blessing to the ones far and near.  
Blessing, blessing, blessing to my own dear soul.**

*Song*

**Keep me, O God, for I trust in you.  
You show me the path of life;  
with you there is fullness of joy.**

*Prayer*

*Song*

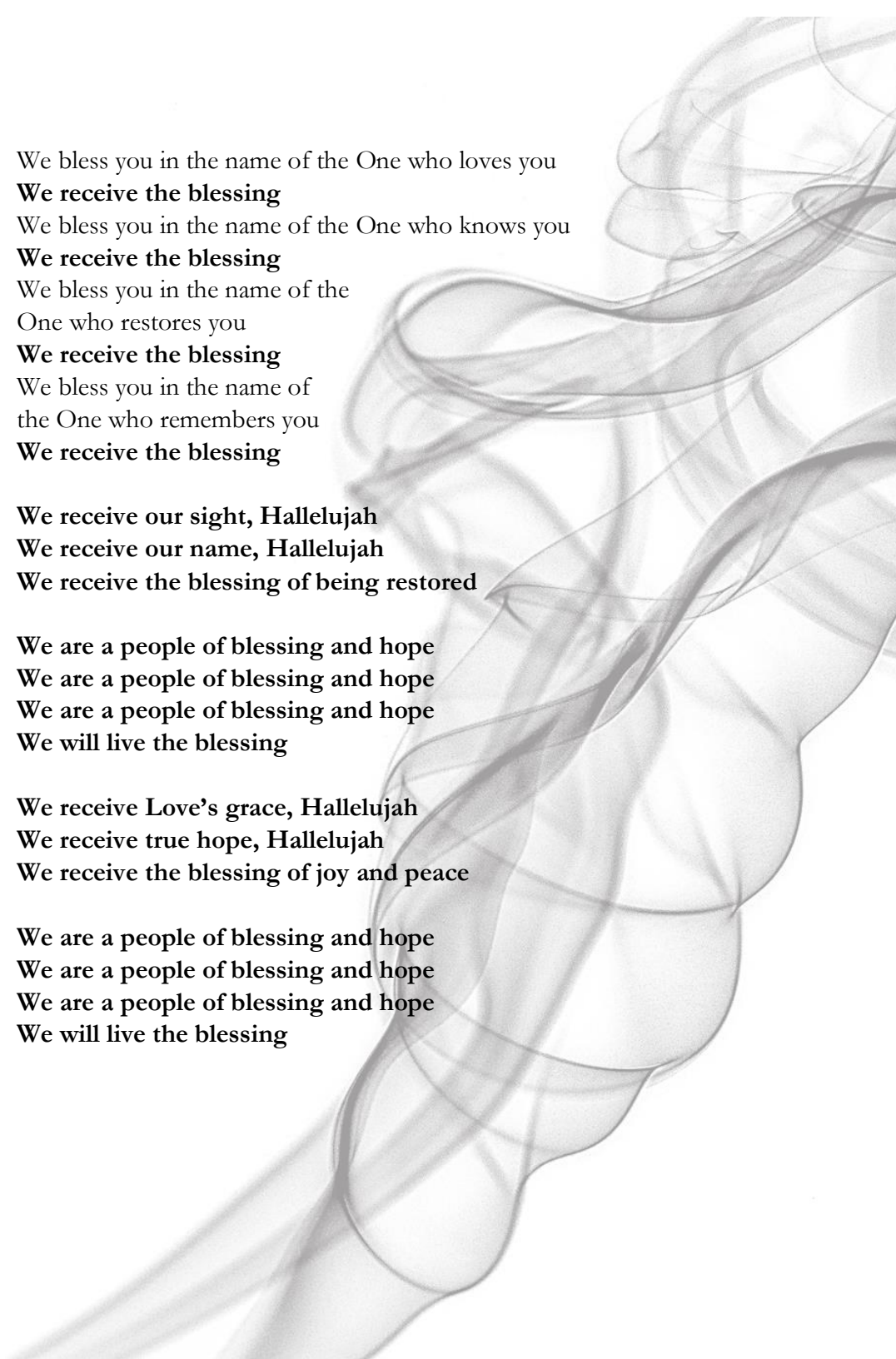
We bless you in the name of the One who loves you  
**We receive the blessing**  
We bless you in the name of the One who knows you  
**We receive the blessing**  
We bless you in the name of the  
One who restores you  
**We receive the blessing**  
We bless you in the name of  
the One who remembers you  
**We receive the blessing**

**We receive our sight, Hallelujah**  
**We receive our name, Hallelujah**  
**We receive the blessing of being restored**

**We are a people of blessing and hope**  
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**We are a people of blessing and hope**  
**We will live the blessing**

**We receive Love's grace, Hallelujah**  
**We receive true hope, Hallelujah**  
**We receive the blessing of joy and peace**

**We are a people of blessing and hope**  
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**We will live the blessing**





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