

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, Sept 15, 2020↑
Commemoration of Catherine of Genoa, Mystic and Nurse

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If there are 2 lessons, a reading and subsequent canticle may be omitted.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**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.**

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the herubim;
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; praised and exalted above
all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praised and exalted above all for
ever.**

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our
hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.
Amen.

Psalm 86

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

4 *Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon
you.

6 *Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.*

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

8 *Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.*

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your Name for evermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel of John

⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me : proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said : It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I swore in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

**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.**

Gracious God, reveal to your church the depths of your love; that, like your servant Catherine of Genoa, we might give ourselves in loving service, knowing that we have been perfectly loved by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts that we may feel their anguish
and their joy.
Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and
might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to
bring them to those places. Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may in these coming days
able to do some work of justice and peace for you. *Amen.*

O God: You bring hope out of emptiness, energy out of fear, new life out of grief and loss.
As Mary returned to mourn yet found unspeakable joy, so comfort all who have lost their homes
through persecution, war, exile, or deliberate destruction.
Give them security, a place to live, and neighbors they trust to be, with them,
a new sign of peace to the world. *Amen*

Hear our prayer for all those who will die today because of war and economic oppression,
especially the children. Prepare them for the agony, despair, and terror of the violence that
is upon them. Comfort them and hold them close to the bosom of your heart as they drink
deeply of the bitter cup which is forced upon them. Wipe their tears, calm their fears,
welcome them to peace and safety. Eternal rest grant to them, and may perpetual light
shine upon them. May all rise in judgment against the wickedness that brings this violence
upon the world. Overturn the thrones of tyranny, scatter the unjust, cast down the bloody
rulers who make the cry of the widow and orphan rise to heaven. Give us your grace
and strength to stand against the demonic powers which prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Grant that peace with justice will come to all the world. *Amen.*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us
sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there
is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not
so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it
is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life. Amen.**

Lead us from death to life, *from falsehood to truth.*
Lead us from despair to hope, *from fear to trust.*
Lead us from hate to love, *from war to peace.*
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Thanks be to God.
