

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Incline Village, Nevada



The Wise and the Foolish Virgin, Jan Adam Kruseman, 1848

Seeking Light and Sharing Love

We welcome you to Saint Patrick's Church. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.

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Morning Prayer: Rite II

Prelude *God Has Smiled on Me* LEVAS #52

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit* LEVAS #114

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I ____ feel the spir - it, ____ mov - ing

in my heart, ____ I will pray. ____ Ev' - ry time I ____ feel the

Fine

spir - it, ____ mov - ing in my heart, ____ I will pray.

unison

1. Up - on the moun - tain my ____ Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills ____ the

1. mouth came— fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
 2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
 2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

D.C.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

Opening Acclamation

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

Invitatory and Psalter

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.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite: *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Hymn *Just A Little Talk With Jesus* LEVAS #83

1. I once was lost in sin but Je - sus took me in, and
 2. Some-times my path seems drear, with - out a ray of cheer, and
 3. I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, but

then a lit - tle light from heav - en filled my soul; it
 then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; the
 Je - sus is a friend who watch - es day and night; I

bathed my heart in love and wrote my name a - bove, and
 mists of sin may rise and hide the star - ry skies, but
 go to him in prayer, he knows my ev - ery care, and

just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus made me whole,
 just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus clears the way.
 just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right.

Now let us

9 Bb Bb

have a lit-tle talk with Je - sus, tell him all a-bout our trou - bles,
let us he will

11 F Bb

hear our faint - est cry, an - swer by and by;
and he will now when you

13 Eb Bb

feel a lit-tle prayer wheel turn - ing, know a lit-tle fire is burn - ing,
and you you will

15 Gm F Bb right. Eb7 Bb

find a lit-tle talk with Je - sus makes it right, makes it right.

Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

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.

First Reading for the Day: *Genesis 15:1-6*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah *Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Second Reading for the Day: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise: Hymnal 1982 #S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) on the staves for the lyrics 'Christ, on - ly', 'take a - way', and 'Most High'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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The Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:32-40*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Connie Skidmore

Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn: *The Lord is Kind and Merciful*

Offertory:

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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.

The Prayers of the People: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Elizabeth, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in authority. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this village, for the community around the Basin and for our partners in ministry, our sister churches in Incline Village; St. Francis of Assisi, Cornerstone Community Church, The Village Church, New Life Church, and Open Door Foursquare Church. Let us pray to the Lord, ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. May we be stewards of this sacred landscape—the Lake, the forests, and all the life that dwells therein. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially: _____ . And for all of those we hold in prayer this morning (*the congregation may add their own petitions*). Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them. Especially those affected by the conflict in Israel and Palestine. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially those in our columbarium. And for all of those on our hearts this morning, spoken silently, or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Patrick and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Collect of the Day: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Hymn *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* LEVAS #177



It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer;



It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer. Fine



1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,



1. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
2. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's
3. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's
4. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's



1. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
2. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
3. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
4. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer. D.C.

Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* LEVAS #221

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to

Oh

1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it

Oh

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom: *Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Postlude *God Has Smiled on Me Reprise*



Please join us for refreshments on the patio following worship!



We remember those who are in our Columbarium.

Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton

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Counters: Bret Logan & Steve Barney

Altar Guild: Patti Logan & Gwendalyn Gilliam

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The Rev. Marla Asson, *Rector*

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Notes on Cover Art: *The Wise and The Foolish Virgins*

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit' are the words of today's Gospel. Our painting by Dutch artist Jan Kruseman depicts the wise and the foolish virgins. The wise virgin has her lamp lit. She is also holding a jar of extra oil. The foolish virgin is asleep and her lamp has run out of oil; the flame has just extinguished itself. She is holding on to her worldly pearls, whilst the wise virgin looks in the distance, with focus and determination.

Our reading is all about being prepared and being faithful. Faithfulness is not easy though. It demands discipline, consistency, and a determination to stick with God, no matter what happens to us in our day-to-day lives. Modern society around us values personal freedom over faithfulness to God, so the task we have been given is not easy. If we truly want to pass on the faith then we need to first be faithful models for our children and youngsters.

If we keep the flames of our lamps lit, by keeping the flame of faith alive in our hearts, Jesus will be able to do amazing things through each one of us.

<https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/luke-12-35-38-2021/>