

Season of Creation Holy Hour – October 4th 2020: 6pm – 7 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Instrumental music

Introduction:

Fr David: In the midst of the pandemic which rages and affects all of creation, as Christians today we wish to contribute to resolving the ecological crisis which humanity is presently experiencing. In doing so, we must first rediscover in our own rich spiritual patrimony the deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation

Deacon Bill: We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, “the life of the Spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us” (Laudato Si’, 216).

Pause for silent reflection

Penitential Rite

Fr David: The ecological crisis thus summons us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to “an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them” (Laudato Si’, 217). Lord, have mercy.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Fr David: Let us reinvigorate the much-needed sense of responsibility for environmental ecology as well as for human ecology. Caring for the environment and caring for our neighbours must always come together. For the times we have failed we pray, Christ, have mercy.

Response: **Christ, have mercy.**

Fr David: Let us educate and form the faithful in our vocation to be stewards of creation, co-workers of God in developing the goods of the earth for the benefit of all, the promotion of the common good and the stability of future generations. For our shortcomings we pray: Lord, have mercy.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Fr David: May Almighty God forgive us our sins, especially our failure to care for our Environment and for taking it for granted, and bring us to everlasting life.

Response: **Amen.**

Psalms from the Sunday Evening Prayer II of the Church (Week 3)

Fr David: The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right', alleluia.

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'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

All: The Lord will wield from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

Fr. David: A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

All: The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change,
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

Fr David: The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

All: He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Fr David: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

All: The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right', alleluia.

(pause)

Deacon Bill: The Lord is full of merciful love; he makes us remember his wonders, alleluia.

Deacon Bill: I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love him.

All: Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
the Lord is compassion and love.

Deacon Bill: He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

All: His works are justice and truth:
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever:
they are made in uprightness and truth.

Deacon Bill: He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

All: To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!

Deacon Bill: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

All: The Lord is full of merciful love; he makes us remember his wonders, alleluia.

(pause)

Fr David: The Lord our God the almighty is king, alleluia.

Fr David: Alleluia. Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
His judgements are true and just. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia. Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great. Alleluia.

Fr David: Alleluia. The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns,
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia. The marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready. Alleluia.

Fr David: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

All: The Lord our God the almighty is king, alleluia.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Reflection: During the Reflection we will sing together the following Taizé chant 4 times.

All: Laudate omnes gentes, Laudate Dominum. (sung 3 times)

An extended time of Silent Reflection and Adoration will now follow

Instrumental Music:

Intercessions: *Response: Lord of Creation, hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer:

An extended time of Silent Reflection and Adoration will now follow

Concluding Prayer:

Benediction Hymn:

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
veneremur cernui:
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

Genitori, genitoque
laus et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus, quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Benediction:**The Divine Praises:**

Blessed be God.
 Blessed be his Holy Name.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true man.
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
 Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
 Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
 Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrifice of the Altar.
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
 Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
 Blessed be Saint Joseph her most chaste spouse.
 Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Concluding Hymn:

My soul proclaims you, mighty God.
 My spirit sings your praise.
 You look on me, you lift me up,
 and gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy;
 your gifts you have outpoured.
 Your little ones you have made great;
 I magnify my God.

For those who love your holy name,
 your mercy will not die.
 Your strong right arm puts down the proud
 and lifts the lowly high.

You fill the hungry with good things,
 the rich you send away.
 The promise made to Abraham
 is filled to endless day.

Magnificat, magnificat,
 magnificat, praise God!
 Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God,
 magnificat, praise God!