

The 49th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

Convention Worship Services

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Theme: "Sailing to Different Shores"
"... Let us go across to the other side of the lake..."

Mark 4:35-40 GNT

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Opening Eucharist

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 686..... “Come thou fount of every blessing”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria.....Hymnal 5280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with the Holy Spirit’s grace and presence, all of your servants assembled here in your Name for the 49th Convention of the Diocese of Alaska, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen*

The Lessons

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-3, 18-21

Israel, the Lord who created you says,

“Do not be afraid—I will save you.

I have called you by name—you are mine.

² When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;
your troubles will not overwhelm you.

When you pass through fire, you will not be burned;
the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the holy God of Israel, who saves you.

“Do not cling to events of the past
or dwell on what happened long ago.

¹⁹ Watch for the new thing I am going to do.

It is happening already—you can see it now!

I will make a road through the wilderness
and give you streams of water there.

²⁰ Even the wild animals will honor me;
jackals and ostriches will praise me
when I make rivers flow in the desert
to give water to my chosen people.

²¹ They are the people I made for myself,
and they will sing my praises!”

Psalms 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord's help;
then he listened to me and heard my cry.

² He pulled me out of a dangerous pit,
out of the deadly quicksand.

He set me safely on a rock
and made me secure.

³ He taught me to sing a new song,

a song of praise to our God.
Many who see this will take warning
and will put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are those who trust the Lord,
who do not turn to idols
or join those who worship false gods.

⁵ You have done many things for us, O Lord our God;
there is no one like you!
You have made many wonderful plans for us.
I could never speak of them all—
their number is so great!

⁶ You do not want sacrifices and offerings;
you do not ask for animals burned whole on the altar
or for sacrifices to take away sins.

Instead, you have given me ears to hear you,

⁷ and so I answered, “Here I am;
your instructions for me are in the book of the Law.”^[b]

⁸ How I love to do your will, my God!
I keep your teaching in my heart.”

⁹ In the assembly of all your people, Lord,
I told the good news that you save us.
You know that I will never stop telling it.

¹⁰ I have not kept the news of salvation to myself;
I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help.
In the assembly of all your people I have not been silent
about your loyalty and constant love.

¹¹ Lord, I know you will never stop being merciful to me.
Your love and loyalty will always keep me safe.

New Testament

Philippians 4:4-8

⁴ May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice!

⁵ Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon. ⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. ⁷ And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

⁸ In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise:

things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. ⁹ Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

Gradual Hymn 711..... “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” ³⁶ So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. ³⁷ Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. ³⁸ Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, “Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?”

³⁹ Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, “Be quiet!” and he said to the waves, “Be still!” The wind died down, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Why are you frightened? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ But they were terribly afraid and began to say to one another, “Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
 renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and
bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal
life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing of Holy Water

The Bishop now blesses water to be used as we remember our baptism

Jesus cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7:37-38

The blessing of this water reminds us of Christ, the living water, and of the sacrament of baptism in which we were born of water and the Holy Spirit. Whenever, use it in blessing ourselves, we thank God for the priceless gift of our new life and healing in Christ Jesus and the grace of his presence in our life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Christ be with you
People And also with you.

O Triune God creator of all things, we thank you for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that it may be for us living water that reminds us of the priceless gift of life, hope, and salvation that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The bowl of Holy Water will remain in our midst for the duration of Convention. All are welcome to use the water for personal blessing.

The Prayers of the People *Prayers are offered for the Church; the nation; the world; the local community; those in need or suffering; and the departed*

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Peace is shared remembering and honoring personal space..

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Online Offering



The Celebrant says the Offertory sentence

Doxology Hymn 380 Verse #3

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant We lift them to the Lord.
People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrant It is right to give him thanks and praise.
People

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray;

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 559..... “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us”

The Bishop blesses the people. After the blessing, the Deacon dismisses the people with these words

People Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Thanks be to God.

Worship Led by Deaneries

October 4, Friday

9:00am Morning Prayer South Central Deanery

11:45am Noonday Prayer Interior Deanery

October 5, Saturday

9:00am Morning Prayer Southeast Deanery

11:45 Noonday Prayer Arctic Coast Deanery

Note on this Service:

Taizé Prayer is an ecumenical prayer service that was begun in the 1950s in Taizé, France, by Brother Roger Schütz. The service is marked by alternating between meditative chants, readings, silence, and candle lighting. You are invited to participate using this service leaflet as a guide. To learn more about Taizé Prayer, visit www.taize.fr/en

A Candlelit Prayer Service with music from Taizé

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 4.

In the spirit of Taizé, a period of silence is recognized in the church as we prepare for prayer. Following this time of silence, the Officiant stands to begin the liturgy.

All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Let us pray

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All Songs for this Service are found in "Songs & Prayers from Taizé" unless otherwise noted.

The Gathering Song: *Veni sancta Spiritus*

Taizé Song 41

Psalm 121 *in unison*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering
and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and
promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

Then follows one verse of “O Lord, hear my prayer”

Taizé Song 20

Meditation *A person appointed reads the following Meditation*

“Let us desire nothing else, let us wish for nothing else, let nothing else please us and cause us delight except our Creator and Redeemer and Savior, the One True God, Who is the Fullness of Good, all good, every good, the true and supreme Good; Let nothing hinder us, nothing separate us or nothing come between us. “May the power of your love O Lord, fiery and sweet as honey, wean my heart from all that is under heaven, so that I may die for love of your love, You who were so good as to die for love of my love. Amen.” [St Francis of Assisi]

Candle Lighting

All are invited to bring the prayers in your heart to Christ, symbolized by lighting a single candle in the candle bowl. Please place your candle as close to the center as possible, working outward as more candles are added.

Song

Live in Charity/Ubi caritas et amor

Taizé Song 49

The Lord’s Prayer: *Unison*

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.

Closing Prayer

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis: All say together

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.*

Closing Song

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Taizé Song 47

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