

Ormond Uniting Church



He Qi, *Glory to God in the highest*, 1832

Pentecost 19
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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 耶利米书 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to

the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

2nd Scripture Reading: Psalm 诗篇 121

The Lord watches over you
*I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where will my help come?*

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
*He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
*The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
*The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time
on and forevermore.*

3rd Scripture Reading: Genesis 创世纪 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

2 Hymn: Turn your eyes to Jesus

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are!

3. His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Sermon: Make a new covenant

Music Video: Josh Groban - You Raise Me Up

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

God of justice and kindness,
we bring before You those who cry out —
the weary, the silenced, the wronged.
Give them courage to keep going,
and raise up voices to speak out with them.
Because Your grace, O Christ, is so generous —
not crumbs falling from the table, but a sumptuous feast —
we pray for the accused and guilty ones;
those in prisons they deserve,
those unjustly detained,
and those imprisoned by their own guilt and regret.
May your grace and hope be made real to them.

Because Your love, O God, is so indiscriminate —
crossing boundaries and inviting all —
we pray for the lost and lonely ones;
those who find themselves without companions in the world,
those who are separated from loved ones by distance or death,
and those who have forgotten love
because of their struggle to survive.
We especially remember Palestinians returning home and Israeli people
awaiting the return of hostages who have died.
May your love, peace, hope and comfort sustain all who grieve for their
homes and loved ones.

Because Your Kingdom, O Lord, is so different —

challenging the ways of human beings –
we pray for the powerful and influential ones;
those who lead countries or communities,
those who decide and enforce law,
those who hold responsibility for great resources.
Give them wisdom, courage and persistence as they make decisions that
will affect many.

Because Your Presence, O Spirit, is so constant –
never abandoning or neglecting us –
we pray now in silence for those people in need who are closest to our
hearts at this time...

Silent personal prayer is offered.

We pray for your church that it may be a faithful, diligent and loving
presence in this world that reflects your light to those in forms of darkness.
We pray because we believe that no one is beyond Your grace,
no one is outside of Your love,
and because we believe that the prayers we offer
enable us to receive, and to share,
the blessings You desire to give us.

May our prayers be a constant, unending rhythm
that drives not just our words,
but our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions;
may we never stop seeking, asking, knocking,
pleading for justice,
wrestling with your coming reign;
As we pray for our world,
may we also live lightly on the earth,
taking only what we need,
and giving all we can;

And so may our prayers be the catalyst,

that changes us into little incarnations –
ordinary people
who manifest Christ.

Amen. (Sacredise adapted)

And so we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

Now and forever. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace:

3 Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Benediction

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