

Welcome to Worship

September 29th, 2024

Today we welcome Father JP Arrossa as our preacher. Father JP is Canon for Finance for the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Prelude *Come Down, O Love Divine* ~ Henry G. Ley

Gathering Hymn *Gather Us In* ~ ELW 532

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

Psalms Psalm 19:7-14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re-^lvives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom^l to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are just and re-^ljoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light^l to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and en-^ldures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous^l altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than^l much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey^l in the comb.
By them also is your ser-^lvant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is^l great reward.
Who can detect one's^l own offenses?
Cleanse me from my^l secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion^l over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a^l great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable^l in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and^l my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine ~ ELW 804

Musical Offering

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life ~ Mark A. Miller
(All Saints Choir)*

Offertory Hymn

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice ~ ACS 968 (3x)

Communion Hymn

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens ~ ELW 771

Sending Hymn

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life ~ ELW 719 (1, 3-4, 6)

Postlude