



ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICE

MODELED ON THE TWELVE STEPS

5:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

St. Paul's Cathedral is a vibrant Episcopal church in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Deeply rooted in the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's is the spiritual center of the Diocese of Oklahoma. We are committed to being a place for all who seek and share God's unconditional and abundant love, which calls us to comfort and stand with the vulnerable and each other. All are invited; all are welcome.

GATHERING SONG

Beautiful Things

Michael and Lisa Gungor

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Officiant: O God make speed to save us

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People: **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. Alleluia.**

We are glad you are here. Please scan below for welcome information.



INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Let us pray

Officiant and People: **God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; the courage to change the things we can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it; trusting that He will make things right if we surrender to His will; so that we may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next. Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 54, adapted from *Conscious Contact with God: The Psalms for Addiction and Recovery*

Rescue me, Higher Power

use your strength to save me.

Listen to my plea for help,

and hear my desperation.

My addiction seems stronger than ever;

relentlessly it assaults me.

I cannot find you, God, to save me.

I trust that you are here,

even if I cannot feel you.

I believe you can relieve my distress

and heal my compulsions.

I will turn over my will to you,

and submit my life to your care.

For you'll deliver me from my problems;

I'll rejoice in my deep healing.

Officiant and People: **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.**

LESSONS AND REFLECTIONS

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Reflection

Robert Dennis

Second Lesson

Luke 4:40–44

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to Jesus; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.” So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

Reflection

Bo Cox

PRAYERS

Officiant: Hear our cry, O God.
People: **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant: 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.**

Intercessor: Together, we pray for relief from the bondage of self.
(*silence*)

Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
For the willingness to wholly offer ourselves to you,
and to bear witness to your power and love. Lord, in
your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**
For the willingness to seek and do your will.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**
For families suffering separation and conflict, and for
children or other blameless victims.

Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

For reconciliation in our relationships.

Lord, in your mercy,

People:

Hear our prayer.

For those who are suffering from addiction, separation, loss, or any illness, and for those who work to help and heal.

Lord, in your mercy,

People:

Hear our prayer.

For the lonely and forgotten.

Lord, in your mercy,

People:

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

For those that we name at this time, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

People:

Hear our prayer.

COLLECTS

Officiant:

Holy God, we thank you for the vision of Samuel Shoemaker, priest and co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous; and we pray that we may follow his example to help others find salvation through knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

MEDITATION AND CONFESSION

Intercessor: We believe all lives have been impacted to a greater or lesser degree by addition or compulsion, if not personally, then through a close relationship. We invite you to prayerfully consider who or what in your life is preventing you or your loved ones from fully experiencing the sunlight of God's spirit. In Twelve Step Recovery, we take a personal inventory of our resentments, fears and the harms that we inflict on ourselves and others, confess them, and give them to God. At this time, let us spend a few minutes in prayer and meditation, identifying what you would like to give to God. Write it on your paper, then place it in the glass bowl and watch it dissolve as a sign of God's unfailing acceptance.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

At the following words, the Officiant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

When Peace Like a River
Words: Horatio Gates Spafford
Tune: Ville Du Havre

CLOSING PRAYER

Officiant and People: **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. That 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; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Tis So Sweet
Words: Louisa Stead (1850-1917)
Tune: Trust in Jesus by William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

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Those serving today:

Officiant

The Very Rev. Katie Churchwell

Intercessor and Acolyte

John Koons

Musicians

Kyle Gossett, Kyler Johnson

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