

Holy Hour on Election Day, November 3, 2020

Prelude

Adagio

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Opening Hymn:

In Times of Great Decision

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1. In times of great decision, be with us, God, we pray Give each of us a vision of Jesus' loving way. When louder words seem endless and other voices sure Remind us of your promise: Your love and truth endure.
2. O God, whose gifts are countless, You send us bearing peace. You fill our dreams with justice for all communities. You give us global neighbors that all may justly live. May those we choose as leaders reflect the life you give.
3. O God, you bridged the distance; You opened wide your door. You call us by our presence to reach to serve the poor. You teach us: Welcome strangers, seek justice on the earth. May those we choose as leaders see every person's worth.
4. You call on every nation to put aside all greed, To care for your creation and for your ones in need, To care for those in prison, for children, for the ill. In times of great decision, may we choose leaders well.

Opening Prayer (Sister Barbara Kraemer)

(author unknown)

Lord God, on this election day, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Reflection Time

First Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, I urge that prayers be offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings – and especially for rulers and those in authority, so that we may be able to live godly and reverent lives in peace and quiet.

Litany

Second Reading

Building a future of freedom requires love of the common good and cooperation in a spirit of subsidiarity and solidarity...Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples... Politics is an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular

interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort. (Pope Francis, Address to the US Congress, September 24, 2015.)

Silent Reflection Time

Prayer for Peace (ALL)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I 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 life, to eternal life.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples and said to them, "Let us cross to the other side of the lake." So they set sail, and while they were sailing, he fell asleep. A squall blew over the lake, and they were taking in water and were in danger. They came and woke him saying, "Master, master, we are perishing!" He awakened, rebuked the wind and the waves, and they subsided and there was a calm. Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?" But they were filled with awe and amazed and said to one another, "Who then is this, who commands even the winds and the sea, and they obey him?"

Pause for Reflection

Concluding Prayer Sister Barbara Kraemer

Closing Hymn Canticle of the Turning

Text: Luke 1:46-58, Rory Cooney

Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait, You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest, Could the world be about to turn?
Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain:
3. From the halls of your power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Refrain:
4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Refrain: