Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.
Noonday Prayer

SERVICE NOTES: Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant  O God, make speed to save us.

People    O Lord, make haste to help us.

All       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.

PSALM 85

All       You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
           you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
           and blotted out all their sins.
You have withdrawn all your fury *
           and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
           let your anger depart from us.
Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
           will you prolong your anger from age to age?
Will you not give us life again, *
           that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
           and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
           for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
           and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
           that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; *
           righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
           and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
           and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
           and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.
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.

Officiant Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Prayers pages 106–107

Officiant Lord have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Officiant Lord have mercy.

All 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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant  Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth’s sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

DISMISSAL

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.

People   Thanks be to God.

Officiant  The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant

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