

Third Sunday After Pentecost

“Possessed”

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WELCOME

PRELUDE:

I Call On Thee, Lord

J.S.Bach

GREETING:

The grace of CHRIST, who rises in every act of lovingkindness, the LOVE, the MYSTERY who IS the Source of All Being and the power of the Holy SPIRIT is with you.

Thank be to ALL that IS HOLY!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pause as we begin this gathering. to acknowledge to the value of being together when so many are alone. Pause to listen to the silence ... when so many cry out in suffering. Pause to recognize a change we are experiencing. And, pause to remember that you, Holy One are in, with, among and beyond us in ways we understand and ways that will always remain mystery. Love, Beloved and Source of Love. Amen
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GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-20:

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to the anonymous gospel writer, we know as Luke.

They came to the region near Gerasa, on the other side of the lake. And when he had disembarked, immediately a person with an unclean spirit met them. The possessed one lived among the tombs and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. In fact, shackles and fetters had been used as restraints to no avail. No one had proved strong enough to subdue the demoniac.

The sufferer would use stones to gash the flesh, howling day and night among the tombs and the mountain crags without interruption. Catching sight of Jesus, the bedeviled one ran up and bowed down to Jesus, but then started shrieking in a loud voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Firstborn of the Most High God? Swear by God that you won't torture me!" For Jesus had been saying, "Come out of this person, unclean spirit!" "What is your name?" Jesus asked. "My name is Legion, for there are many of us," was the reply. And the possessed one begged Jesus not to send them all out of the area. Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding on the mountainside, and the unclean spirits begged Jesus, "Send us to the pigs so we can enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And with that, the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs, and the herd of about two thousand went rushing down the cliff into the lake, and there they were drowned. The swineherds ran off and reported this in the town and in the countryside, and the people came to see what had really happened. As they approached Jesus They caught sight of the one who had been possessed sitting fully clothed and perfectly sane. And they were filled with fear. The spectators explained what had happened to the possessed person and told the townspeople about the pigs. Then the crowd began to implore Jesus to leave their district.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the one who had been healed came up and begged to be allowed to go with him. Jesus answered, "Go home to your people and tell them what our God has done for you." So the former demoniac went off and proceeded to proclaim throughout the Ten Cities what Jesus had done. Everyone was amazed at what they heard.

Reflection: Reverend Eric Schultz

SONG: Where Does Compassion Start?

Where does compassion start? How does compassion grow?
Her seed is at the heart of every faith we know:
compassion honors others' place, dethroning self with willing grace.

How does compassion thrive in worlds of greed and grief?
Her goodness stays alive through those of strong belief:
compassion, luminous and clear, outshining wastes of war and fear.

Where is compassion's role in cultures, or in creeds?
At center, with the soul who feels another's needs:
compassion brings the touch of friend, a bandage that will bind and mend.

Dynamic is the power that heals, restores and gives,
connecting at the core with everyone who lives,
transcending culture, colour, race, compassion builds the house of peace.

PRAYER Attributed to Jesus
translated from the Syriac by Neil Douglas-Klotz

O, Birther of the Cosmos, focus your light within us- make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now
Your one desire then acts with ours.
As in all light
So in all forms,
Grant us what we need each day in bread and insight;
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
As we release the strands we hold of other's guilt.
Don't let the surface things delude us,
But free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all ruling will,
The power and the life to do,
The song that beautifies all,
From age to age it renews.
I affirm this with my whole being

POSTLUDE: Prayer of St Patrick
MUSIC: J. Ireland, TUNE: LOVE UNKNOWN

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