



A Contemplative Liturgy
Celebrating the Eve of the Feast of St. Julian of Norwich
Thursday, May 7, 2020 6pm PST

Lighting of the Candles
Three Bells are tolled

Opening Chant

As truly as God is our Father
So truly so truly so truly is God our Mother
In our merciful mother we are restored
In our merciful mother we are restored.
We are restored.

Invitatory Opening

“God, of your goodness,
give me yourself; you are enough for me,
and anything less that I could ask for
would not do you full honor.
And if I ask anything that is less, I shall always lack something,
but in you alone I have everything'.” -Julian of Norwich

My soul at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from God.

- TAIZE

Gospel Reading John 4: 23-26

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship Abba God in spirit and truth, for the God seeks such as these. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to Jesus, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called the Christ). And will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am the one, the one who is speaking to you.”

Visio Divina RITE (all are invited to secure a **hazelnut** or some object that represents a little thing, which shows forth all that is made.)

Reader

“And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of

my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.

-Julian of Norwich

Deeply Contemplative Experience: gaze upon object, what is seen? what is known? what is said?

Chant - The Earth is full (Darlene Franz)

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Silence (20 minutes)

Reader 1

"If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love."

Reader 2

"He did not say: "You shall not be tempest-tossed". He did not say you shall not be work weary. He did not say you shall not have disease. He said, "You shall not be overcome".

-Julian of Norwich

Chant- All Shall Be Well

Reader 1

"Our Savior is our true Mother in whom we are endlessly born and out of whom we shall never come."

-Julian of Norwich

Chant- All Shall Be Well

Reader2

Grace transforms our failings full of dread into abundant, endless comfort

... our failings full of shame into a noble, glorious rising ...

our dying full of sorrow into holy, blissful life.

Just as our contrariness here on earth brings us pain, shame and sorrow, so grace brings us surpassing comfort, glory, and bliss in heaven ...

And that shall be a property of blessed love, that we shall know in God, which we might never have known without first experiencing woe.”

-Julian of Norwich

Chant- All Shall Be Well

Three Bells end the Liturgy
Candles extinguished.

Altar:

Candle

A Hazelnut or likeness

Icon of Julian (optional)

Presiders

Carolyn Ash | The Rev. Susan J. Latimer | The Rev. Chris Ng

The Rev. Elizabeth I. Rechter | Heather Ruce