Thursday of Epiphany 4 2021

Please let me know if there is anything or anyone you would like included in Chapel prayers

The Company of Angels by Aleta Pippin (2020)

COLLECT
God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading Hebrews 12.18-24
You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

GOSPEL Mark 6.7-13
Jesus went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

PRAYERS
To pray for what we need, we must first remember what we are called to.
We come to the blazing untouchable fire, which burns up darkness; we respond to the blast of the trumpet which cleaves the tempest; we wait for the voice whose word is the last word for all who hear it.
We search for the One whose presence we as yet cannot endure; We turn our hearts to Mount Zion, city of the living God;
We pray among innumerable angels in festal gathering; we join with the assembly of the firstborn in heaven; we offer ourselves to God the judge of all:
and at last we are ready to ask for what we need; what others need; and what the world needs, commending the spirits of the righteous made perfect, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, washed by the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel………..

The God of peace and love remain with us always.