

In the Morning Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020

Williams, Channing Moore, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Channing Moore Williams, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of China and Japan. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Dwelling in the Word

Luke 10:1-9 (NRSV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

As you hear the passage being read, what word or phrase is God calling you to notice?

As you hear the passage read a second time, what might God be calling you to try on at this time?

Following your silent meditation after the second reading, please type your word or phrase into the Chat if you would like to share it. The officiant will invite all of us into a quiet time for a few minutes to prayerfully read and reflect on the words offered in the Chat.

The officiant will end this time of silent prayer with The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Zoom Call

At end of zoom call

Closing Prayer

What we choose
Changes us.

Who we love
Transforms us.

How we create
Remakes us.

Where we live
Reshapes us.

So in all our choosing,
O God, make us wise;

In all our loving,
O Christ, make us bold;

In all our creating,
O Spirit, give us courage;

In all our living
May we become whole.

Amen

Jan L. Richardson, In Wisdom's Path, Discovering the Sacred in Every Season, Warton
Gospeller Press, Orlando Florida, 2000., Page 24.

Blessing

Williams, Channing Moore

(July 18, 1829-Dec. 2, 1910). Missionary Bishop to China and Japan. He was born in Richmond, Virginia. Williams received the M.A. degree from the College of William and Mary in 1852. He graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1855, and was ordained deacon on July 1, 1855. In Nov. 1855 he sailed for Shanghai to do missionary work. He was ordained priest on Jan. 11, 1857. On Feb. 14, 1859, Williams and John Liggins were appointed the first Episcopal missionaries to Japan, and Williams reached Nagasaki on July 1, 1859. On Oct. 3, 1866, he was consecrated the second Missionary Bishop of China with jurisdiction over Japan. On Oct. 23, 1874, the House of Bishops constituted Japan a missionary district and named it the Missionary District of Yedo. On that same day Williams relinquished China and became Missionary Bishop of Yedo. He resigned this position on Oct. 18, 1889, but continued to work in Japan until 1908. He died in Richmond, Virginia. His work and ministry is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on Dec. 2.

<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/williams-channing-moore>

* Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 notes Channing Moore Williams with Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky on Oct. 14. However, Dec. 2 is noted as Williams Feast Day in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2020