**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE JULY 12, 2020**

*(Father Roy to lead whole service)*

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. *Deuteronomy 30.14*

**HYMN** **CP 380 O Worship the King** v 1, 3, 6

O worship the King, all glorious above;

O gratefully sing his power and his love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days

Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,

Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,

Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,

And round it hath case, like a mantle, the sea.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,

While angels delight to hymn thee above,

The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,

With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray:

**Collect**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.

May we find peace in your service,

and in the world to come, see you face to face;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**  (read by R. Luther)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

ISAIAH 55: 10-13

The Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**A READING FROM PSALM 65** (read by Bill Wilkins)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, AMEN.

PSALM 65:1-8

**HYMN CP 649 Breathe on me Breath of God**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love,

And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Until my heart is pure,

Until with Thee I will one will

To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Till I am wholly Thine,

Until this earthly part of me

Glows with Thy fire divine.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS** (read by Audrey Shepherd)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**ROMANS 8:1-11**

The Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**HYMN CP 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do well,

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,

Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;

Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;

Without our aid he did us make;

We are his folk, he doth us feed,

And for his sheep he doth us take.

For why, the Lord our God is good;

His mercy is forever sure;

His truth at all times firmly stood,

And shall from age to age endure.

*(Deacon Jacquie)*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

MATTHEW 13:1-9

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON: Deacon Jacquie Bouthéon**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**  (led by Leonora Benjamin)

Let us offer prayers to God who judges us with mildness and governs us with great forbearance. To the bidding “We pray to you Lord”, the response is **Lord, hear our prayer**

We thank you, O God, for the men and women who serve as leaders in your church throughout the world, remembering especially Linda, Andrew, Kevin, Pam, Roy and Jacquie, that through their leadership your church may reflect the love that draws all people to you. We pray to you Lord… **Lord, hear our prayer**

For this parish family, that the Word sown among us will accomplish its purpose, yielding fruit a hundredfold in our lives of worship and witness. We pray to you Lord… **Lord, hear our prayer**

For leaders and decision makers throughout the world, particularly in those areas torn apart by war and strife, that they may seek to overcome the powers of fear, greed or vanity, that turn neighbour against neighbour and nation against nation, and that they may learn to seek justice, govern wisely, and serve you as good stewards of your whole creation. We pray to you Lord…. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who live and work in places of danger, especially those who protect and serve in our nation and cities, those who seek to bring help to victims of violence, war and unrest and for all who plant seeds of peace, that God will bring us to a new day of healing and reconciliation. We pray to you Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who sow and those who reap the harvest, for those on vacation, those travelling by land, sea or air, and for safety from violent weather, we pray to you Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Christ the great healer, you desire health and wholeness for your people; we bring before you all those suffering in body, mind and spirit, those known to us, and those known to you alone, especially those affected by this pandemic………and for all who care for them, that in Christ they may find new strength. We pray to you Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those whom we love but see no longer, that they may find eternal rest in Christ ………, we pray to you Lord… **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Christ who wept at the grave of a friend, look with compassion on

all those who mourn, that they may find comfort in their sorrow and know the healing power of your assurance that they are never separated from your love. We pray to you Lord …**Lord, hear our prayer.**

And Lord we pray for ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love, praying especially for those known to us who are going through difficult situations at this time, that you will grant them courage, faith and determination, we pray to you Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. God and Father of all things, hear the prayers we offer this day through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Closing prayer** Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.

Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace;

for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. **AMEN**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us,**

**can do infinitely more**

**than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,**

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God

And of his son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, now and always.

**AMEN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN CP 306 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer’s praise;

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease;

This music in the sinner’s ears,

Tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad

The honours of thy name.

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