**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE JUNE 14, 2020**

*(Pastor Pam to start)*

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. *Mark 1.15*

**HYMN** **CP 345 KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE**

King of glory, King of peace  
I will love Thee.  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me.  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.  
  
Wherefore with my utmost art,  
I will sing Thee.  
And the cream of all my heart,  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.  
  
Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise Thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort  
to enrol Thee.  
E'en eternity's too short  
to extol Thee

*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.**

**Collect**

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you.

Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS** (Isaac Luther)

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’ So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: ‘Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.’ **EXODUS 19:2-8a**

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

**PSALM 116: 1-2, 12-19** (Carole Mallett)

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.   
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.   
What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?   
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,   
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.   
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.   
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.  
You have loosed my bonds.   
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.   
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,   
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS** (Bill Wilkins)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. **ROMANS 5:1-5**

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

**HYMN** CP 352 Amazing Grace (Leonora Benjamin and Bill Wilkins, v4 Piano solo)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come;

‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me Home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun,

We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise

Than when we first begun.

*(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.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

MATTHEW 9:35 – 10:8

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON: Rev. Roy Shepherd**

**HYMN: One Day at a Time**

*(Pastor Pam)*

**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**  (Leonora Benjamin)

Let us pray to the God of healing and wholeness through Jesus whose mission and ministry of love we share, saying***God of life and love, hear our prayer.***

We uplift all who lead us on our journey to you, as faithful witnesses of the love and presence of Christ, through their prayer and service in His name. We pray especially for Linda, Andrew and Kevin, and for Pam, Roy and Jacquie; we ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer***

We pray for our parish family, that we may be filled with compassion and concern for others, young and old, and that we may look after one another in these challenging days, especially those among us who are vulnerable or who are isolated. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer.***

Bring healing to all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, especially those stricken with the Coronavirus, and all who have desired our prayers …..be with them and their families. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer.***

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals, all who work in our medical facilities, and all those in our country who work in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer.***

Loving God, In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts, and the hearts of all in positions of authority and leadership to acknowledge and speak out against racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to do our part to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of the past. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer***

For all who have experienced violence, that God will protect them from further harm, right the injustices that have occurred and bring healing and hope. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer.***

God of hope, precious in your sight is the death of your servants. We remember those who have gone before us in the faith, especially those dear to us. We hold them always in our hearts as you now hold them in your everlasting embrace. ***God of life and love, hear our prayer.***

All these our petitions we bring before you this day, dear Father, in the power of your Spirit. Receive our prayers and grant all that is in accordance with your will, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ ***Amen.***

*(Father Roy)*

**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** God of reconciliation and forgiveness,

the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you.

May that work grow toward its perfection

in all we offer you this day.

We ask this in his name. **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 371 To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, who great things has done!

God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God’s voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give God the glory, who great things has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God:

That when the offender, repenting, believes,

Through Jesus’ atonement, God’s pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see! *Refrain*

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