**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE AUGUST 23, 2020**

*(Father Roy)*

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. *Matthew 16.16*

**HYMN** **CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes;

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render: O help us to see

Tis only the splendour of light hideth 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.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray:

**Collect**

Almighty God, we are taught by your word

that all our doings without love are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtue;

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 PSALM 138** (read by Beverly Baird)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;

O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

**HYMN CP 73 One bread, one body, one Lord of all**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the earth

We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,

Woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the earth

We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,

One in the Lord of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the earth

We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,

Gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the earth

We are one body in this one Lord.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS** (read by Dushy Manickam)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ROMANS 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**HYMN:**  **Majesty, worship his majesty**

Majesty, worship his majesty,

Unto Jesus be all honour, glory and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from his throne

unto his own,

his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;

Magnify, come, glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty;

Jesus who died,

now glorified,

King of all kings.

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*(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.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON: Pastor Pam Trondson**

**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 Howard Cyrus)

Let us pray in the name of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Linda our Primate, Andrew and Kevin, our bishops, Pam and Roy our priests, Jacquie our deacon and all who minister here, that we may boldly profess Jesus as Lord and help others to come to know him. Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, especially as we prepare to resume worship in person, that our profession of faith in Jesus may be made in deeds and actions, that show to all the power of God’s love. Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all who exercise authority in government, education, or business, that they may live and act in the grace of Jesus, and the love of God, and promote justice and the common good for all. Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

For healing in cities and neighborhoods, that God will guide leaders in addressing issues of racism, discrimination, and injustice, turn hearts from violence, and open pathways that will lead to reconciliation. Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

For an end to the pandemic, that God will deliver the human race from the coronavirus, heal those who are ill, and inspire those who are developing cures or vaccines. Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

For teachers, students and their parents, as they face the decisions around returning to the classroom, that those in authority will be guided to make the best decisions to protect everyone and restore normal education. Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially those known to us (SILENCE), that they may receive their reward in heaven and see God face to face, Holy One, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. God of all wisdom and insight, who inspired Peter to confess Jesus as Messiah, hear our prayers and so pour out your Spirit on us, that we may profess Jesus as Lord and lead others to know and serve him. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. ***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** God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,

and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 482 Come and Journey with a Saviour**

Come and journey with a Saviour

Who has called us from our birth,

Who has washed us in the waters,

And who loved us on the earth.

*Refrain:*

Come and journey, come and journey

With a Saviour who has come,

We are all God’s sons and daughters;

In the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey outward,

Telling others of his name,

Telling others of his glory,

Of his cross and of the same. *REFRAIN*

Come and journey, journey onward;

All our gifts we now shall bring

To the building of a city

That is holy, Christ its King. *REFRAIN*

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