

Morning Prayer 11th July 2021

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship with Christine & Iris



Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time to remember where you are,
and why you are here.
Give thanks and become still
in the presence of God

Prelude: Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God. - Come.

One day every tounge will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Oh, come. Just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God. - Come.

One day every tounge will confess you our God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now. (repeat)

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. - Come.

Come, come, come...

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.**

From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,
to celebrate God's glory
and proclaim His praise!

Let's worship God together!

Prayer of Confession

**How many times, O Lord, do we live in unbelief?
Our doubts surround us
and we find it hard to know what is true and what is real.**

Help us, gracious Savior,
to know what is the right way to live
according to God's Holy Word.

**Forgive us for the ways in which we live
according to what is right in our own eyes.**

Help us, merciful God,
to look beyond knowing Jesus only as a good teacher,
a righteous and holy person.

**Forgive us when we fail to understand and accept
that Christ is truly the promised Messiah, Your
Son.**

Help us, guiding Holy Spirit,
to open our hearts to be led and taught
in the ways of the kingdom of God.

**Forgive us when we seek to please others
more than we seek to love and please God.**

Help us, O Holy One, to turn our hearts,
to offer our prayers
and to accept the forgiveness you offer
to all who come to You,
in the confidence that we live through your love.

(a time of silent confession, ending with)

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

(based on Isaiah 29: 22-24)

This is what the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, says,
"No longer will their faces grow pale.
They will keep my name holy;
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

When they do,
those who are wayward in spirit
will gain understanding
and those who complain
will accept instruction."

And those who are faithful
will know that forgiveness is ours
through the promised Son of God!

**Believe and have faith in God's mercy and grace,
given to all who proclaim and believe
that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Song: Men of faith rise up and sing

Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious king
You are strong, when you fell weak
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our glorious king of love

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth (repeat 1 x)

Bridge:
We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined by the pow'r of his name
We've fallen deeper
In love with you
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth (repeat 1 x)

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs, again
Of our God who reigns on high
By this grace, again we'll fly

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth (repeat 1 x)

The Collect for today, the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The reading is taken from 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God
Our hearts and our minds are open

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The reading is taken from Mark 6:14-29

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he

protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

<https://www.journeywithjesus.net/essays/1835-bearable-stories>
<https://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/debie-thomas>

Song: Seek ye first

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, Halleluiah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Halleluiah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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Intercessions (by Wolfgang)

There is a segment in today's service called "Assurance of Forgiveness" – what a great moment to have in a belief system. Assurance of forgiveness – no matter how badly we screw up, no matter what you broke running around in the living room even though mom told you not to. This is one of the most stressful moments in a child's life: will my parents still love me after I did this? The told me I shouldn't ... and I didn't listen. And now I broke something precious, something costly, something dear to the other person – Lord, we need your assurance of forgiveness, like a child hoping for the continuing love of a parent.

Lord in your mercy – **Hear our prayer**

"No longer will our faces grow pale" – We have seen a number of faces grow pale recently. Pale with anxiety, pale with pain, pale with fear. Lord, we thank you for the healing of Brian, we thank you for the doctors and nurses who performed Margaret's successful operation on Thursday. We pray that she will be with us again soon –

Lord in your mercy – **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we ask for your blessing and support for John Samways, who was with us as a locum for Robin Stockitt years ago, and who might be facing another round of fighting with his brand of blood cancer. We pray for John and Chris: Stay close by their side with your mercy and grace
Lord in your mercy – **Hear our prayer**

“those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding and those who complain will accept instruction” – as the school and university terms are gradually drawing to a close, we pray for all children and youth who have had a hard time this year – not everybody has the willpower to keep up with the teaching material at all times, and to organize themselves in the absence of the teacher in the room. They need support, they need new ideas in teaching, and in leading classes as teams. We pray for all those in charge of teaching and education on the state level, and on the level of school boards and principals, that they will do a better job after this summer looking out for the children who are their responsibility.
Lord in your mercy -- **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

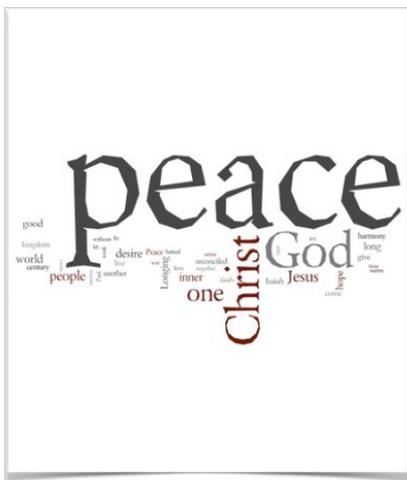
In the language of our hearts, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

A sign of peace

God is love
And those who live in love live in God
And God lives in them.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

Song: It is well with my soul

When peace, like a riv-er, attend-eth my way,
when sor-rows like sea – bil-lows roll;



what-ev-er my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Women: It is well, Men: It is well
Women: With my soul, Men: With my soul
All: It is well, it is well – with my soul

Though Sa-tan should buf-fet, tho' tri-als should come,
let this blest as-sur-ance con-trol,
that Christ has re-gard-ed my help-less es-tate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Women: It is well, Men: It is well
Women: With my soul, Men: With my soul
All: It is well, it is well – with my soul

My sin - O the bliss of this glo-ri-ous thought
my sin - not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

Women: It is well, Men: It is well
Women: With my soul, Men: With my soul
All: It is well, it is well – with my soul

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall re-sound and the Lord shall de-scend,
Even so – it is well with my soul.

Women: It is well, Men: It is well
Women: With my soul, Men: With my soul
All: It is well, it is well – with my soul

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Sending & Blessing

Let's go forth into the world in faithfulness.
Join all those who have danced with the Lord
throughout the generations.
Take the song and rhythm of God's Word into the world
and invite others to celebrate the joy with us.

And may the Lord bless us and watch over us,
the Lord make his face shine upon us
and be gracious to us,
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace;
and the blessing
of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and always.

Amen.

Announcements

Look forward to our next
communion service

with The Ven. Leslie Nathaniel

18th July 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
11:30 hrs, Zoom link see website
and in person in the church 😊



Evening Prayer on Wednesdays

Wednesday, 14th July 2021
9pm (for 20-30min)

(Please use the usual
Sunday service link.)



Women's Prayer Group

July 15, 2021
at 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

via zoom (Please get in
touch to receive the link.)



Postlude