

# Sunday, August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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## 10 am BAS Holy Eucharist

*Come All You People MV 2*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come now and worship the Lord.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Almighty God, 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.**

*Sing Praises Old and New CP 469*

*Sing praises old and new; past and present join in one.  
Old covenants renew: new commitments have begun.  
God's soaring purpose spans all ages, lives and lands.  
Christ's open, wounded hands past and present join in one.*

*Word, from the heart of God, costly, unexpected grace;  
Love, making all things good, Light of all the human race;  
hail, Wisdom, deep and vast, shining in Israel's past,  
raising the least and last: Costly unexpected grace!*

*Great Spirit, make us wise; doors of promise open wide.  
Though evil's deadly lies truth and goodness set aside,  
faith never stands along, hope rolls away the stone,  
love makes your presence known, doors of promise open wide.*

*People of hope, be strong! Love is making all things new.  
Lift our united song, show what faith can dream and do!  
Come, Presence, ever near, revive us year by year.  
Sing through our joy and fear, "Love is making all things new!"*

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Compassionate God, you touch those rejected by the world and those despised by false piety: guide us away from a false purity which hides misshapen hearts; and lead us to the joyful feast in which all are renewed; through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's faith. **Amen.**

***Song of Solomon 2:8-13***

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

**Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

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Gra - cious God, we thank you for the gift of love.

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;  
**my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**

You are the fairest of mortals;

**grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.**

The peoples are falling at your feet,

**and your enemies are losing heart. R**

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,

**a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your dominion.**

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,

**and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. RR**

**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their

hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

***Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness CP 447***

***Lord, we hear your word with gladness; You have spoken – we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom – help us make their truth our choice!***

***Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.***

***May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;  
may the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed;  
may our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;  
my obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!***

***You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:  
debtors, then as living letters, we must make our gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad  
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

***Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23***

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

Let us pray.

Creator of the heavens, lead all peoples into a common life of justice, faith and peace:  
**Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Inspire the Queen, the Governor General, the Prime Minister and all in authority to serve the people of this country according to your holy will:  
**Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Guide the growth and development of all children and young people:  
**Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Deliver and keep the sick in your love:  
**Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Support and keep steadfast all who for the sake of justice and truth have been condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment or hard labour:  
**Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice as shown by the prophets, apostles, martyrs and all who have borne witness to the gospel:  
**Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *local government and community leaders;*
- *all who provide local services;*
- *those who work with young and elderly people;*
- *schools, colleges and universities;*
- *emergency and rescue services and organizations.*

Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us all to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

***You Call Us Lord to Be CP 450***

***You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,  
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.  
Thus chose, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.***

***You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,  
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.  
Thus chose, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.***

***You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;  
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.  
Thus chose, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.***

***You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,  
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.  
Thus chose, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.***

***Stewardship moment***

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in

feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread. **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

***We Come Now to Your Table Lord MV 192***

***We come now to your table Lord, you are the Living Bread.  
We come now to your table Lord, let ev'ry soul be fed.  
You are the Living Bread, let ev'ry soul be fed:  
and now may ev'ry soul be fed with Living Bread.***

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God, 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*

***Go Make A Difference MV 209***

***Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.***

***We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see the love of God for you & me.  
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.***

***Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.***

***We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.***

***We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.***

***Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.***



*So let your love shine on, Let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.*

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday – September 5, 2021  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37