



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER  
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SUNDAY  
AFTER  
PENTECOST

"SO FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT  
HAS NO WORKS, IS DEAD"  
JAMES 2:17

## 10 am BAS Holy Eucharist

*Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts MV 101*

*Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,  
our minds with your peace, and our lives with your joy.*

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.**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness CP 397**

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.*

*Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.*

Maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbours as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the ministries that lie before us, where faith and the needs of our neighbour come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

**Psalm 125**

The musical score for Psalm 125 is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The tempo is marked *mf*. The lyrics are: "O God, show your good - ness to all your peo - ple." The chords are: D, Bm, Dmaj7/A, Gmaj7, Asus4, A, D.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
**which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
**so does the Lord stand round about this people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,  
**so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
**and to those who are true of heart.**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
**but peace be upon Israel. RR**

***James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17***

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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***We Cannot Measure How You Heal CP 292***

***We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.***

*Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.*

*The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hope to find,  
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.*

*So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul.  
to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.*

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 7:24-37***

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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**

***Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV 171***

***Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Hear on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.***

***No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,  
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.  
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Hear on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.***

***No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,  
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;  
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.  
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Hear on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.***

***No feet but yours to journey with the poor,  
to walk this world with mercy and justice.  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.  
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Hear on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.***

***Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:  
as Christ has blessed, so now his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.  
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Hear on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.***

***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.**

***I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life CP 56***

***I am the bread, the bread of life; who comes to me will never hunger.  
I am the bread, the bread of heaven; who feeds on me will never die.  
And as you eat, remember me – my body broken on the tree:  
my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.***

***I am the vine, the living vine; apart from me you can do nothing.  
I am the vine, the real vine; abide in me and I in you.  
And as you drink, remember me – my blood was shed upon the tree:  
my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.***

***So eat this bread, and drink this wine, and as you do, receive this life of mine.  
All that I am, I give to you, that you may live for evermore.***

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 to the World CP 598***

***Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia!***

***Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia!***

***Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.***



*As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia!*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"  
Alleluia!*

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

Readings for next Sunday – September 12, 2021

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

The Book of Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19;  
The Letter of James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38