



## **BAS Service of the Word**

### ***Let There Be Light CP 572***

***Let there be light, let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;***

***Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord opening into grace;***

***Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;***

***Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;***

***Thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;***

***Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.***

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.**

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God,  
that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day  
to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.  
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,  
and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God,  
let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God,  
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.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

May the Peace of God be with you.  
And also with you.

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee CP 551***

***My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.  
O let me from this day be wholly thine.***

***May thy rich race impart  
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
As thou has died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.***

***While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn today, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.***

***When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll,  
blest Saviour, them, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.***

Let us pray.

**Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,  
you gather in what has been rejected,  
restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded.  
Give us faith to speak out boldly,  
so that the outcast may be welcomed  
and all may be blessed. Amen.**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

*Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 67**

- 1 O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth its increase;  
may you, O God our God, bless us.**
- 7 May you bless us, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.**

**2nd Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

*I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their*

*disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God!**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

*Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'*

*Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

Let us confess our faith as we say,  
**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**

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbours,  
and for all those who are alone.**  
For this community, our country, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**  
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**  
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**  
For Melissa our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. Please add your own petitions*

Hear us, Lord.

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. Please add your own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,  
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. Please add your own petitions*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
**you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.**  
**Grant our requests as may be best for us.**

**This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### ***We Cannot Measure How You Heal***

***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.***

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or consider using the Pre-Authorized Debit system*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
**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 forever. 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, forever and ever. Amen**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### ***Will You Come and Follow Me CP 430***

***Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let me love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?***

***Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?***

***Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?***



*Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

**Readings for next Sunday – August 23, 2020**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:21-28.