

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2020

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and
on this rock I will build my
church..." Matthew 16:18

BAS Service of the Word

Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming CP 465

***Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken;
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

*We are the young our lives are a mystery;
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty;
gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the break of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here is this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own,
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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.

The Love of Jesus Calls Us CP 434

***The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.***

***The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.***

***The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.***

***The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.***

Let us pray.

**O God,
with all your faithful followers of every age,
we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation
and form us into the body of your son,
so that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

*Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which
you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.*

*For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her
wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be
found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.*

*Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from
me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my
salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth
beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my
deliverance will never be ended.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 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.
- 3 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 4 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though you are high, you care for the lowly; *
you perceive the haughty from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.
- 8 O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; *
your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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.

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 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Eternal ruler of the Ceaseless Round CP 497 (tune 540)

***Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.***

***We are of thee, the children of thy love,
companions of thy well beloved Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with him, our pattern and our friend.***

***We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that rises into song,
on with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.***

***O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give us the shield of faith that we may be
steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.***

*please remember to mail in your offering to the church
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

Joy Shall Come CP 104

***Joy shall come even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness;
as the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,
deserts like a garden blossom.
For living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow;
for living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow.***

Readings for next Sunday – August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28