



BAS Service of the Word

Today I Awake CP 9

***Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
for God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.***

***Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.***

***Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.***

***Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
the Maker, the Son, the Spirit together -
they called me to life and call me their friend.***

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.

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!***

Let us pray.

Ever-faithful One,

you answer the cries of all who call upon your name.

Give us grace to trust in you,

so that we may walk faithfully amidst the storms of life;

through Jesus the Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the

entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 85:8-13

- 8 I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.**
- 9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

2nd Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one

believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

The Whole Earth is Full David Taylor

***When there is peace, when there's no war,
when there is justice and food for the poor,
When there is violence no more, that's when we'll know
When there is love, when neighbours unite
to walk out of darkness and step into light.
When every heart longs for right, that's when we'll know.***

The whole earth is full (4 times) of your glory, of your love.

***As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness
ever changing from glory to glory mirrored here may our lives tell your story.***

Shine on me, shine on me.

***Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace & mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, & let there be light.***

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***There is glory in heaven there is glory below,
there is glory when we have the courage to go
Be the justice we long for, be the food others need
Be the light in the darkness God will help us succeed for
the whole earth is full (4 times) of your glory, of your love.***

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***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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me CP 522

***Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.***

***Not the labours of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone.***

***Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.***

***While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.***

[Readings for next Sunday – August 16, 2020](#)

[Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost](#)

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67;](#)

[Romans aa:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15\(10-20\), 21-28.](#)