



"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it"

Matthew 13:23

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost

BAS Service of the Word

You Are Salt for the Earth CP 502

***You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O People: life in the kingdom of God!
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

***You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

***You are the seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God!
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

***We are a blest and a pilgrim people bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our home-land: love is the kingdom of God!
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

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.

Let All Creation Bless the Lord CP 419

***Let all creation bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold and heat: exalt the God who made you.***

***All living things upon this earth, green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joyful, springs and fountains.
Lithe water life, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds: exalt the God who made you.***

***Beloved children everywhere, lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care, tell out salvations' story.
No tongue be silent; sing your part,
you humble souls and meek of heart; exalt the God who made you.***

Let us pray.
Divine Sower,
you scatter your seed generously:
may we be rich soil
and receive your gift so freely given,
so that we may revel
in love's abundant, reckless growth;
through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 65: 1-13

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**
- 2 To you that hear prayer *
shall all flesh come.**
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot out our transgressions.**
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose *
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, *
by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.**
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.**
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

Morning Has Broken CP 3

***Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!***

***Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!***

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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

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord CP 466

***How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.***

***But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.***

***We mark your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.***

***In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.***

Readings for next Sunday – July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:11-17;

Romans 8:12:-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.