

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

*"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may
walk in your truth" Psalm 86:11*

BAS Service of the Word

Wind Upon the Waters CP 408

***Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.***

***Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,
gift so wholly given, source of every birth,
joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.***

***Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand,
prairie, field and meadow shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around, spring up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.***

***Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.***

***Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.***

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.

Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear CP 521

***Dear Shepherd of your people, hear; your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray.***

***Within these walls let holy peace and love and concord dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease, the wounded spirit heal.***

***May we in faith receive your word, in faith present our prayers,
and in the presence of our Lord disburden all our cares.***

***The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the humbled mind bestow;
and shine upon us from on high to make our graces grow.***

Let us pray.

**O God, patient and forbearing,
strengthen our spirit when we are slow
and temper our zeal when we are rash,
so that in your own good time
you may produce in us a rich harvest
from the seed you have sown and tended;
through Jesus Christ, the promise of a new creation. Amen.**

1st Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 86:11-17

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.**
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your name for evermore.**
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and the violent seek my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.**
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**
- 17 Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of

them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

Because You Came MV 64

***Because you came and sat beside us,
because you came and heard us speak,
and we ignored you and we refused you,
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Because you laughed and loved the childlike,
because you lived from day to day,
and we love status and steady money,
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Because our peace was your agenda,
because you wept to see us war,
and we love power, and winning battles,
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Because your Cross compels an answer,
because your love absorbs our sin,
and we are wounded because we wound you,
we ask forgiveness, Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Because you came on Easter morning,
because you come at Pentecost,
and in the Spirit, we are forgiven,
we live to praise you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

*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

God Sends Us the Spirit CP 651

***God sends us, the Spirit to befriend and help us.
Recreate and guide us, Spirit Friend.
Spirit who enlivens, sanctifies, enlightens,
sets us free, is now our Spirit Friend.
Spirit of our Maker, Spirit Friend.
Spirit of our Maker, Spirit Friend.***

***Darkened roads are clearer, heavy burdens, lighter,
when we're walking with our Spirit Friend.
Now we need not fear the powers of the darkness,
None can overcome our Spirit Friend.
Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit Friend.
Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit Friend.***

***Now we are God's people, bonded by God's presence,
agents of God's purpose, Spirit Friend.
Lead us forward ever, slipping backward never,
to your remade world, our Spirit Friend.
Spirit of God's people, Spirit Friend.
Spirit of God's people, Spirit Friend.***

Readings for next Sunday – July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136;

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.