

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



BAS Service of the Word

Just As I Am CP 615

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about with many- a conflict, many-a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am thy love unknown has broken every barrier down -
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O lamb of God, I come, I come.*

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 My People Seek Their Freedom CP 471

***“From the slave pens of the Delta, from the ghettos on the Nile,
let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile”:
so God spoke from out of Sinai, so God spoke and it was done,
and the people crossed the waters toward the rising of the sun.***

***“From the aging shrines and structures, from the cloister and the aisle,
let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile”:
so the Son of God has spoken, and the storm clouds are unfurled,
for his people must be scattered to be servants in the world.***

***When we murmur on the mountains, for the old Egyptians plains,
when we miss our ancient bondage and the hope, the promise, wanes,
then the rock shall yield its water and the manna fall by night,
and with visions of the future shall we march toward the light.***

***In the maelstrom of the nations, in the journey into space,
in the clash of generations, in the hungering for grace,
in our agony and glory, we are called to newer ways
by the Lord of our tomorrows and the God of earth's todays.***

Let us pray.

**Lord of heaven and earth,
whose Son came eating and drinking,
exposing the rivalry that tears the world apart:
may we share his feast and friendship
and lay our burdens in his liberating arms;
through Jesus Christ, Wisdom's child. Amen.**

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

***Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

*He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

*As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners
free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I
declare that I will restore to you double.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 145:8-14

- 8 O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 You are loving to everyone *
and your compassion is over all your works.**
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 They make known the glory of your dominion *
and speak of your power;**
- 12 so that the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendour of your dominion.**
- 13 Your sovereignty is an everlasting one; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
Lord, you are faithful in all your words *
and merciful in all your deeds.**
- 14 You uphold all those who fall *
and lift up those who are bowed down.**

2nd Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

*I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I
hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no
longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells
within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do
the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it
is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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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 11:16-19, 25-30

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

Walls That Divide SGP 32

***Tho' ancient walls may still stand proud and racial strife be fact,
tho' boundaries may be lines of hate, proclaim God's saving act!***

Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!

***When vested power stands firm entrenched and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side, it's gospel that we lack!***

Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!

***The truth we seek in varied scheme, the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest for self and world made new!***

Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!

***The church divided seeks that grace, that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love that lives praise to God's name!***

Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!

*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

Praise, My Soul CP 381

***Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed restored, forgiven, who, like me should sing God's praise?
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Maker all your days.***

***Praise him for the grace and favour shown our forebears in distress.
God is still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, sing our Maker's faithfulness.***

***Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia, alleluia, all within me, praise God's name.***

***Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.***

***Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.***

Readings for next Sunday – July 5, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.