



BAS Service of the Word

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

Sing Praises Old and New CP 469 (tune 132)

***Sing praises old and new; past and present join in one.
Old covenants renew: new commitments have begun.
God's soaring purpose spans all ages, lives and lands.
Christ's open, wounded hands past and present join in one.***

We face East:

to your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation;
to your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;
to your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit
in harmony with brothers and sisters;
to invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***Word, from the heart of God, costly, unexpected grace;
Love, making all things good, Light of all the human race;
hail, Wisdom, deep and vast, shining in Israel's past,
raising the least and last: Costly unexpected grace!***

We turn to face South:

to your symbol colour gold for the morning star.
to your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect
and brings light on our path to live responsibly;
to your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the Spirit of humility;
to invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision;
help us to love you and one another
with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***Great Spirit, make us wise; doors of promise open wide.
Though evil's deadly lies truth and goodness set aside,
faith never stands along, hope rolls away the stone,
love makes your presence known, doors of promise open wide.***

We turn to face West:

to your symbol colour black, still and quiet.
to your animal symbol the Thunderbird;
to your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful;
to your lessons calling us to balance our emotions
in the spirit of gentleness and honesty;
to invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;
give us your strength and the courage to endure,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***People of hope, be strong! Love is making all things new.
Lift our united song, show what faith can dream and do!
Come, Presence, ever near, revive us year by year.
Sing through our joy and fear, "Love is making all things new!"***

We turn to face North:

to your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness.
to your animal symbol the swan
which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;

to your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;
to invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;
help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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We turn to complete the circle and to look:
to God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;
to Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker
who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all,
and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus CP 532

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.*

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.

Soil of God, You and I MV 179

***Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.***

***Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.***

***Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is Holy ground.***

Let us pray.

**Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.
You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.
Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow
into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.**

1st Reading: ISAIAH 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 19

Refrain: The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

2nd Reading: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: JOHN 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth

came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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**

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,

Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives, **Have mercy on us.**

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity, **Have mercy on us.**

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one.

Amen.

When Long Before Time CP 307

***When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...***

***...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices say praise to the morn.***

*The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
and choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.*

*Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared –
its harmonies broken and almost unheard –
The Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God is with us in the world now as then.*

*The Light has returned as it came once before,
the song of the Lord is our own song once more;
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.*

*To you, God, the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, song incarnate, we give all our praise;
to you, Holy spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory, forever, through life and through death.*

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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

Let's Sing unto the Lord CP 417

***Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of love, joining hearts and happy voices.
God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans.
their goodness does proclaim the glory of God's name.
Alleluia, alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!***

***Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
express unto the Lord our songs of faith and hope.
Creation's broad display proclaims the work of grandeur,
the boundless love of one who blesses us with beauty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!
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Readings for next Sunday – June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.