

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



BAS Service of the Word

May the Spirit of Christ Be Our Hope CP 483

Refrain:

***May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.***

***Christ be ever before us, Christ be ever behind us,
Christ be ever within [Refrain]***

Refrain:

***May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.***

***Christ upon our left hand watching, at our right hand guiding;
Christ above, beneath us guarding, near to us abiding. [Refrain]***

Refrain:

***May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.***

***Christ be in each holy silence, Christ be in our speaking,
Christ in every work we offer, ever in our seeking. [Refrain]***

Refrain:

***May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.***

***Let us be God's light in the darkness, let us be God's kindness,
Let us be God's justice and mercy, hands and feet of Christ. [Refrain]***

Refrain:

***May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.***

***God Creator, bless and keep us, Christ, be ever near us,
Spirit, be the light before us: gentle be our pathway. [Refrain]***

Refrain:

***May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.***

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.

Earth and All Stars CP 358

***Earth and all stars. Loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh Victory, loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]***

Refrain:

***God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!***

***Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snow storm,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves,
sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]***

Refrain:

**God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos,
sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

Refrain:

**God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!**

**Engines and steel, loud pounding hammers,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, loud building workers,
sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

Refrain:

**God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!**

**Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, loud cheering people,
sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

Refrain:

**God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!**

**Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

Refrain:

**God has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!**

Let us pray.

**Welcoming God,
make us apostles of your generous love,
so that we might offer hospitality
that challenges the world
with your gift of eternal life,
made known in Jesus Christ,
who offered himself for us. Amen.**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

*O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.*

*Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’**
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.**
- 16 They rejoice daily in your name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favour our might is exalted.**
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our sovereign.**

2nd Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

From the Falter of Breath CP 489

***From the falter of breath, through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond,
God has woven a way, unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is fond.***

***From frustration and pain, through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known,
Christ has gone where we fear and has vowed to be near
on the journey we make on our own.***

***From the dimming of light, through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above,
God the Spirit is sent to ensure heaven's intent
is embraced and completed in love.***

***From today till we die, through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow,
angels tread on our dreams, and magnificent themes
of heaven's promised are echoed below.***

***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

Living Lord of Love's Dominion CP 453 (tune 59)

***Living Lord of Love's dominion, sovereign Saviour, bless your church;
call us still as your disciples – loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition nourish others while we serve.***

***Visit towns and inner cities; penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melts our coldness, making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured, in our neighbour's need until
deep within our daily service love draws forth our utmost skill.***

***With your bread, your wine, your Spirit, nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow; fill our faith with vibrant love!***

Readings for next Sunday – July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14;

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.