

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**



## **BAS Service of the Word**

### ***How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place MV 29***

***How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for you.  
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings,  
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,  
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,  
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
than thousands elsewhere***

*One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
to find you in the place your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
to find you in the place your glory dwells.  
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,  
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,  
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
than thousands elsewhere*

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.

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee CP 551***

***My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away.  
O let me from this day be wholly thine.***

***May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
As thou has died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.***

***While life's dark maze I tread,  
and the griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.***

***When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll,  
blest Saviour, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.***

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

**Generous God,  
whose life is freely given  
in Jesus Christ our Lord:  
as you have opened for us  
your house of many rooms,  
so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved,  
and share in the work of peace;  
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. Amen.**

### **1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

*But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

### **2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer*

*spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

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 John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house, there are many places to stay. If not, I would have told you; for I am going to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare your place, I am coming again and taking you to myself, so that where I am, you may be also. And where I am going, you know the way. Thomas said to him: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him: 'It is I who am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father if not through me. If you all had known me, you will know my father also; and from now on you do know him and you have seen Him.' Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.*

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**

### ***How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds CP 620***

***How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds and drives away our fear.***

***It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis mana to the hungry soul. And to the weary rest.***

***Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
my never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.***

***Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.***

***Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.***

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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

### ***God of Grace and God of Glory CP 577***

***God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.***

***Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.***



***Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.***

***Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.***

**Readings for next Sunday – May 17, 2020**

Sixth Sunday after Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.