



BAS Service of the Word for Creation Time

Seek Ye First CP 458

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, that we are gathered together
on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo, the people of the river.
Guide us with your spirit of reconciliation
as we work to build relationships and tear down stereotypes.

Let us pray. **God of unchangeable power,**
when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.
We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Creator, we are sorry for the times
when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.
Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.
We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.
We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.
We are thoughtless, and take for granted for the world you have made.
Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.
We store up goods for only ourselves, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

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**

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
May the Peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Shepherd of souls, Refresh and Bless CP 85

***Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.***

***We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.***

***Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.***

***Lord, sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.***

Let us pray. **Gracious one,**
**you satisfy the needs of every living creature. Fill us with gratitude for the
abundance of the earth and for the bonds of love and care that unite all creation
into one family. May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and
thrive; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The chords are indicated above the staff: D, A, Bm, G, D, D/C#, Bm, G, D. The lyrics are: "We praise and thank you, Ho - ly One, for your gifts to us." The tempo/mood is marked *mf*.

Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; **to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come.

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, R

O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; **they are girded about with might.**
You still the roaring of the seas, **the roaring of their waves,**
and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. R

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. R

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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May God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.' 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.

Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made.

Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected to everything that is.

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord **We give you thanks, O God.**

God whom we love, we stand before you with open and humble hearts.

In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel

the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to each of us -

Mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans, Forest, meadows, trees, flowers.

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord **We give you thanks, O God.**

God of love, show us our place in this world,
as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth.
They came forth from your hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
and not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord **We give you thanks, O God.**

Saving God, we give thanks for all human beings on the earth,
Created from dust, yet crowned with glory, Those we know and those who are strangers;
Those near to us and those far away; All of us beautiful, all of us flawed.
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord **We give you thanks, O God.**

God of abundance, we give thanks for the sun, for water, for soil, for air,
On which our lives depend moment by moment.
In silence we are aware of our frailty, our complete dependence
On our beloved Mother Earth who nurtures us and sustains our every breath.
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord **We give you thanks, O God**

Creator God, we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth,
Yet, we acknowledge that we in the developed world,
have often wasted the gifts of the earth, taking more than our share,
leaving our sisters and brothers in other places in poverty and need.
Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth,
so that her richness and bounty will sustain, not only us,
but generations to come after us.
In gratitude let us pray to the Lord **We give you thanks, O God.**

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

For the Fruit of All Creation CP 259

***For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.***

***In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.***

***For the harvests of the spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

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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 God who created the world give you the grace to be wise stewards of the creation.
May God who redeemed the world inspire you to go out as labourers into the harvest.
May God whose breath fills the whole creation help you
to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace
and the blessing of God almighty, Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Praise to God, Immortal Praise CP 263

***Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous Source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:***

***For the blessings of the fields, for the stores the garden yields,
flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain,***

***All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from her rich o'er-flowing stores.***

***These to thee, O God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.***

Readings for next Sunday – October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22