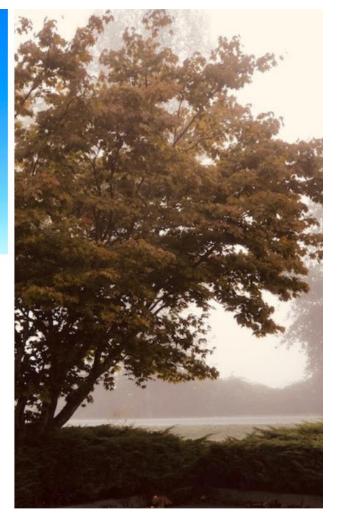
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

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BAS Service of the Word for Creation Time

Be Thou My Vision CP 505

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my Heart; naught be all else to me, save that though art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee CP 617

Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Saviour of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek; to those who ask, how kind though art, how good to those who seek!

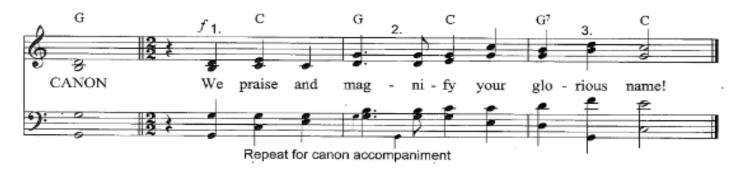
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is none but his lovers know.

> Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

Let us pray. You know us each by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favour, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant, that as we glimpse your greatness, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.' The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'



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

Psalm 99

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble;

the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome; you are the Holy One.

"O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." *R*

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before the footstool of God; the Lord is the Holy One. Moses and Aaron among your priests, *

and Samuel among those who call upon your name,

they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon the holy hill of God;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One. *R*

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and

in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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May God be with you. **And also with you.** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

A Spendthrift Lover Is the Lord CP 177

A spendthrift lover is the Lord who never counts the cost or asks if heaven can afford to woo a world that's lost. Our lover tosses coins of gold across the midnight skies and stokes the sun against the cold to warm us when we rise.

Still more is spent in blood and tears to win the human heart, to overcome the violent fears that drive the world apart. Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face of one who bears our scars and empties out the wealth of grace that's hinted by the stars.

How shall we love this heart-strong God who gives us everything, whose ways to us are strange and odd; what can we give or bring? acceptance of the matchless gift is gift enough to give. The very act will shake and shift the way we love and live.

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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.**

Glorious in Majesty CP 618

Glorious in majesty, holy in his praises, Jesus, our Saviour and our King, born a man, yet God of Old, let us all adore him. Filled with his Spirit, let us sing. Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom. Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus, Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.

Victory he won for us, freeing us from darkness, dying and rising from the dead. Living with the Father now, yet he is among us. We are the body, he the head. Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom. Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus, Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.

One in love, as family, living with each other, gladly we share each other's pain. Yet he will not leave us so, soon he is returning, taking us back with him to reign. Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom. Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus, Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.

Readings for next Sunday – October 25, 2020Feast of the DedicationThe Book of Deuteronomy 34:1-12Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-8Matthew 22:34-46