

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25,  
2020**



## **BAS Service of the Word for Kingdomtide**

### ***Let Us Build a House MV 1***

***Let us build a house where love can grow and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

***Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace,  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

***Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat,  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone.  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face,  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard.  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

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.**

### ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds CP 507***

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Jesus' love;  
the fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.***

***Before God's gracious throne we pour our ardent prayers:  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.***

***We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.***

***When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain;  
that we shall still be joined in heart and one day meet again.***

***One glorious hope revives our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives and longs to see the day***

***when from all toil and pain and sin we shall be free,  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.***

Let us pray. **Lord of the teasing riddle,  
whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a  
heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of  
soul, so that we might love you wholly and our neighbour as ourselves; through  
Jesus Christ, the law of grace. Amen.**

**1st Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel. Listen for God’s word. **Our hearts are open.**

**Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**

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Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. R**

You turn us back to the dust and say, “Go back, O child of earth.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

**Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. R**

**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

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 22:34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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**

***Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works CP 407***

***Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread the mountains plains.  
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.***

***Grant unto us communion with you, O star-a-biding one.  
Come unto us and dwell with us;  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life in you.***

*please remember to send your offering to the church*

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.**

### ***The God of Abraham Praise CP 347***

***The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.***

***The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings up-borne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.***

***The goodly land I see with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.***

***Triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally  
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"  
Hail Abraham's God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise:  
all power and majesty be yours and endless praise!***



Readings for next Sunday – November 1, 2020

**All Saints**

The Revelation to John 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The First Letter of John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12