



## **BAS Service of the Word for Creation Time**

***Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet CP 309***

***Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.***

***Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.***

***Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.***

***Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.***

*Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.*

*Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.*

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.**

### ***Nearer, My God, to Thee CP 538***

***Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! Even though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song would be: "Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!"***

***Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone,  
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.***

***There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that though sendest me, in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.***

***Then with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise,  
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.***

***Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,  
still all my song shall be "Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee!"***

Let us pray. **Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table:  
in times of disagreement teach us to listen,  
loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace;  
through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.**

***1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-14***

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:  
This month shall mark for you the beginning of months;  
it shall be the first month of the year for you.  
Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month  
they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.  
If a household is too small for a whole lamb,  
it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one;  
the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.  
Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;  
you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.  
You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month;  
then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.  
They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts  
and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.  
They shall eat the lamb that same night;  
they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.  
Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire,  
with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning;  
anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it:  
your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand;  
and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.  
For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,  
and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,  
both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements:  
I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live:  
when I see the blood, I will pass over you,  
and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.  
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.  
You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;  
throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people. **Thanks be to God!**

***Psalm 149***

**Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in their maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their sovereign.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes pleasure in this people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.  
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.  
Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
to wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;  
to bind their rulers in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
to inflict on them the judgement decreed; \*  
this is glory for all God's faithful people. Hallelujah!  
Glory to God, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

***2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-14***

Owe no one anything, except to love one another;  
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.  
The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder;  
You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment,  
are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.  
Besides this, you know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;  
the night is far gone, the day is near.  
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;  
let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness,  
not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.  
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.  
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 Matthew.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

***Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20***

'If another member of the church sins against you,  
go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.  
If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.  
But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you,  
so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.  
If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;  
and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church,  
let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.  
Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.  
Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,  
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.  
For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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.

*Silence* 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.

*Silence* 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.

*Silence* 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.

*Silence* 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.

*Silence* 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.

*Silence* 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

***Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive CP 614***

*(tune: House of the Rising Sun)*

***Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.***

***How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?***

***In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts. Are owed to us, how great our debt to you!***

***Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
then, bond to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.***

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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 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.**

### ***Singing Songs of Expectation CP 536***

***Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,  
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light;  
trusting God, we march together stepping fearless through the night.***

***One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:  
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.***

***One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:  
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.***

#### **Readings for next Sunday – September 13, 2020**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

The Book of Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114

Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35