

Morning Prayer: Sunday August 30

Book of Alternative Services

Opening Hymn- 474CP- Jesus Where'er Thy People Meet

Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the World; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-15- Maxine Reccord-Pinhorn

Pslam: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45 (Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant) - Rosalind Sparkes

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-21— Dave Glynn

Gradual Hymn: 496 CP- Teach me, My God and King

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28- Reverend Lisa Cox

Musical Selection From Riversong- “This is My Father’s World”

The Nicene Creed:

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers:

As we are in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

The Confession:

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Act of Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. However, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never separate from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. amen.

Sung Blessing

Closing Hymn - 601 CP- God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Go Now In Peace- Senior Choir

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