

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 2020

The liturgy we are using today is from the New Zealand Prayer Book, a Sister member of the Anglican Communion.

Liturgy of the Word

Voluntary *Londonderry Air* played by James Galway, flute

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Welcome, People of God, as we gather, for you are Christ's body, Christ' work in the world.
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world.
Rejoice and be glad.
Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope. Amen

People **Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.**

Hymn of Praise *Gloria* from Mass in C minor, K. 427/417a by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

Forgiveness

The congregation kneels.

The minister then says

We come seeking forgiveness
For all we have failed to be and do
As members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

All say

Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

The Presiding priest says

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection,

Reconciliation for all the human race.

All say

**We shall all be one in Christ,
One in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
Praise to God who has accepted us,
Praise to God who sends us into the world.**

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people:

Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson

A reading from the book of Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,

 come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

 without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

 and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

 listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

 my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

 a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

 for he has glorified you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

Said in unison

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Second Lesson

A reading from the book of Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.
Amen

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Anthem

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken Words by Reginald Heber, Tune "Rendez à Dieu" Louis Bourgeois, Cantus Choro From the album, "Songs and Praises", Move Records

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed, By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed; And be Thy feast to us the token, That
by Thy grace our souls are fed.

The Gospel Matthew 13:13-21

The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: **Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

After the Gospel, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

God calls us today to be open to the word and to one another. Let us open ourselves to all the world in prayer, saying “**God have mercy**”.

For the church we pray. That we may bring God’s word of life to all who live in silence, darkness and despair, let us pray, **God have mercy**.

For our leaders we pray. For Michael our presiding bishop, for Craig our bishop, for Letha our priest, Barbara our deacon, and Vicki our postulant. For all leaders, lay and ordained, let us pray, **God have mercy**.

For the world we pray. That nations, people, ideas and differences can come together to discuss and cooperate for the health and well-being of everyone, with peace being the ultimate goal let us pray, **God have mercy**.

For everyone affected by the Covid-19 virus, especially as we begin to plan for a safe reopening, let us thoughtfully remember first responders, medical personnel, the unemployed, those who are ill, or are in hospital, on ventilators, for those in care centers, and those most at risk, let us pray, **God have mercy**.

For all of us, as we try to follow the rules set up to keep us healthy. You know we are having a hard time sticking to the rules and guidelines set up by our Bishop, our Governor, and the CDC. Give us patience with ourselves and others as we try to learn to live with this new normal, let us pray, **God have mercy**.

Help us to remember to do the work that Jesus would have us do – to not forget those in

need, remembering the homeless, the sick, the suffering, the grieving and all who are in trouble, let us pray ***God have mercy.***

For this, our congregation we pray. That we may grow to recognize our differences and uncertainties and confusion as we try to live into Your Beloved Community. Help us to grow into the mystery of your abundant life among and in us, let us pray, ***God have mercy.***

For our community of Red Wing, help us to nourish and feed each other in celebration of the diversity and differences that make each person so special let us pray, ***God have mercy.***

For those who are suffering we pray. That we may be instrumental in alleviating their pain, their hunger, their sickness and their hopelessness. Let us pray, ***God have mercy.***

For those who have died we pray. That they may find that your promises have been realized in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray, ***God have mercy.***

The Celebrant says

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours,
God of the incarnation;
Because you care for us and for our prayer.
May our love for you and our likeness to you
Be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.
Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Announcements and Blessings and healing prayer.

Priest or Deacons says

As Christ teaches us we pray:

People and Celebrant

**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,**

**and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Officiant continues

In union, O Lord, with faithful eucharistic people throughout the world, we offer you our thanks and praise. We present to you our souls and bodies, earnestly desiring that we may always be united with you. You promise, O Christ, to be present with us in the sacrament of your body and blood, so with confidence we claim your presence among us during this eucharistic fast. Come into our hearts and unite us with you and one another. May your healing grace abound. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you and you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Concluding Prayer:

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Amen.

Blessing

Deacon concludes with the following

Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

People: We go in the name of Christ. Amen.