

The Church of St. Barnabas, Irvington

in the Episcopal Diocese of New York



A Service of Morning Prayer
for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020 at ten o'clock

Before the Service

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Time itself is neutral; it can be used either destructively or constructively... Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men and women willing to work to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

Why We Can't Wait (1963)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

I need a love that is troubled by injustice. A love that is provoked to anger when Black folks, including our children, lie dead in the streets. A love that can no longer be concerned with tone because it is concerned with life. A love that has no tolerance for hate, no excuses for racist decisions, no contentment in the status quo. I need a love that chooses justice.

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness.

Austin Channing Brown

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Songs 2:8-13

A Service of Morning Prayer

When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church.

Prelude

“Adagio”

George Jackson

“Prelude in b minor”

John Knowles Paine

Opening Sentence

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3:2*

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

The Invitatory and Psalter

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

Officiant and People:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Officiant and People:

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Then follows in union

Psalm 145

[8-15]

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.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

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

At the end of the Psalms is said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from Romans

[7:15-25a]

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [11:16-19, 25-30]
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rector

The Apostles' Creed

said in unison

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.
 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.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

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.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. **And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Intercessions

Officiant

Let us come before God in a posture of openness, expecting the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to lead us in the offering of our prayers, responding, “*Hear us Good Lord.*”

Biddings

Let us pray for the healing of the nations in a world bruised and torn apart by war, oppression and injustice. We pray also for all those who are seeking to bring peace and reconciliation in our own nation and an end to racial injustice.

Hear us Good Lord.

Let us pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit at this time. Especially for whom we have been asked to pray, among them:

[N]; may God’s all embracing love reach out to them through his appointed people so that we are brought into fellowship with them, our brothers and sisters in need.

Hear us Good Lord.

Let us pray for all those who are recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them: [N]; we commend them to your mercy that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Hear us Good Lord.

Lord of Life and Love, you have called us to serve you; give us the grace and strength to respond to your call and fill us with your ubiquitous and audacious love. We ask these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Divine Encounter

God of healing and hope, in Jesus Christ you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the novel coronavirus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make

us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. **Amen.**

The Reverend Sam Wells; St Martins in the Field, London

A Collect for the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Look mercifully on this your family gathered in their own homes as well as in places of recovery and places of protest, that by your great goodness they may be justly governed and rightly preserved for evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fanfare for the Common Man”

Aaron Copland

Musical Notes

It is the Fourth of July weekend, so this morning the music is of Americana.

George K. Jackson (1745-1823) was born in England and came to America in 1796. He settled in New York where he became the organist of St. George's Chapel. Relocating to Boston in 1812, he became quite active in the musical life there as an organist, editor, and composer. He was the organist for the Handel and Haydn Society. (There is still a Boston Handel and Haydn Society – or at least there was until Covid-19 came along.) The “Adagio” was written in memory of George Washington.

John Knowles Paine (1839-1906) was the first American born composer to achieve fame for large-scale orchestral music and was the senior member of a group of composers known as the Boston Six – Amy Beach, Arthur Foote, Edward MacDowell, George Chadwick, and Horatio Parker. As a young man, Paine studied organ and composition with Hermann Kotzschmar in Maine. (There is a very fine municipal organ in the town hall of Portland, Maine, called the Kotzschmar organ. It has recently been restored, and an organ recital series

takes place there every summer.) Paine went to Europe to study organ and composition in Berlin. He settled in Boston in 1861 and was appointed Harvard's first university organist and choirmaster. He remained in that position for the next 43 years and did much composing in various forms during that time.

Commissioned by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra under Eugene Goossens, the "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copland (1900-1990) has become a classic heard under many circumstances – sporting events, advertisements, movies, television programs, and even as the wake-up call on various flights of the space shuttles. And in church!

The version that I play from is a transcription by Dorothy Papadakos, for many years the organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Dorothy gave this transcription to Pam Strachan, a parishioner here (now deceased), and Pam passed it on to me. When I play the opening theme and fire up that big trumpet stop (the *trompette en chamade*) on the back wall of the church, I think it does get your attention. We can chat more about that thing another time.

Donald Butt

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