

The Church of St. Barnabas, Irvington

in the Episcopal Diocese of New York



A Service of Morning Prayer
for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020 at ten o'clock

Before the Service

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

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)

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
for your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your
power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act
whenever you choose.

Wisdom of Solomon (12:13)

A Service of Morning Prayer

When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church.

Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue in F”(Eight Little Preludes and Fugues)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 86

[11-17]

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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

[8:12-25]

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation

has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

We lift our prayers to God, who knows our necessities before we ask and rejoices in our asking as we respond, “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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

“Prelude and Fugue in C” (Eight Little Preludes and Fugues) J.S Bach

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