

5th July 2020: Pentecost 5
From *A Service of the Word*
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I PREPARATION

Welcome and Introduction

1 GATHERING

Hymn: Praise to the Holiest

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| 1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways. | 4. And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine. |
| 2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came. | 5. O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo; |
| 3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail; | 6. And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die. |
| 7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways. | |

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

2 GREETING

*The words in **bold** are said by all.*

Different members of our congregation are responding on behalf of us all today, but you are invited to also respond at home.

2.1 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

2.4 *The Peace*

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

3 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. (*Common Worship, Music: Neil Birse, used with permission*)

3.5 Prayer of Forgiveness

A short silence is kept before saying

**May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (*SEC Daily Prayer 1988*)

3.6 Response

Blessed is the Lord:
Who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:
And in our song will we praise our God. (*From Psalm 28*)

4 Gloria in Excelsis: David Sanger

(Sung by the St Peter's Choir)

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 pray'r.

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. A-men.

5 COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O Lord, let the world be ordered in peace, according to your will:
that your people may be free to worship you with joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen**

II PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

6 READINGS FROM THE HOLY WORD

Romans 7: 15-25a (Read by Ruairidh Sharp)

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!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (Read by Janice Allister)

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places 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"; and 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

7 SERMON by Kristee Boyd

8 Questions for Reflection (Video)

(Music: Neil Birse, used with permission.)

A time of silence

9 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

III PRAYERS

10 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by Rebecca Mackay

10.1 *Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need,
for the Church and its members.*

In our Year's Mind: Elizabeth McKay, Murray Taylor, Cynthia Bainbridge, Jean Brown,
Betty Unrau, Nan Carter, Jim Penman

10.2 The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.
(Please use the version you are most comfortable with...)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Do not bring us to the
time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

11 OFFERING

Generous God,
accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Church,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV CONCLUSION

12 ACT OF DEDICATION

12.2

Responsory

Your word is a lantern to my feet.
Your word is a lantern to my feet.
A light upon my path.
A lantern to my feet.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Your word is a lantern to my feet.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word:
may it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Common Worship)

13 Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

14 DISMISSAL

- 14.1 The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you. *(Ruth 2.4)*
- 14.2 Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
- 14.3 **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.** *(2 Corinthians 13.1)*

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