

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 12, 2020

Anglican Churches of Grenville North

The Morning Service

(Iona Worship Book)

Opening responses

Leader: The world belongs to God,

ALL: THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

ALL: TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

ALL: JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

ALL: THESE STONES WOULD SHOUT ALOUD.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

ALL: AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

Song: 307 *When long before time (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)*

When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...

...the silence was broken when God sang the Song;
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.

To you, God, the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, Song incarnate, we give all our praise;
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory, forever, through life and through death.

Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Silence

Leader: Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

ALL: MAY GOD FORGIVE YOU, CHRIST RENEW YOU,
AND THE SPIRIT ENABLE YOU TO GROW IN LOVE.

Leader: Amen.

ALL: BEFORE GOD, WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD,
WE CONFESS TO OUR BROKENNESS:
TO THE WAYS WE WOUND OUR LIVES,
THE LIVES OF OTHERS,
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

ALL: AMEN.

Prayer for God's help

Leader: Move among us, O God; give us life:

ALL: LET YOUR PEOPLE REJOICE IN YOU.

Leader: Make our hearts clean within us:

ALL: RENEW US IN MIND AND IN SPIRIT.

Leader: Give us again the joy of your help:

ALL: WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM SUSTAIN US.

Leader: And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

ALL: 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,
SAVE US IN THE TIME OF TRIAL
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL,
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER
AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS,
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

Affirmation

Leader: With the whole church

ALL: WE AFFIRM
THAT WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE,
BEFRIENDED BY CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT.

Leader: With people everywhere

ALL: WE AFFIRM
GOD'S GOODNESS AT THE HEART OF HUMANITY,
PLANTED MORE DEEPLY THAN ALL THAT IS WRONG.

Leader: With all creation

ALL: WE CELEBRATE
THE MIRACLE AND WONDER OF LIFE;
THE UNFOLDING PURPOSES OF GOD,
FOREVER AT WORK IN OURSELVES AND THE WORLD.

Reading: Genesis 25:19–34 (NRSV)

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,
²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Psalm 119:105–112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgements.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgements.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Song: 505 *Be thou my vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Leader: This morning's reading comes from the Gospel according to Matthew
Listen now for the Word of God.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Homily

Prayers of gratitude and concern

Collect

God of the earth,
all creation awaits your gift of new life.
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word
so that it may grow within us
and yield a hundredfold harvest;
through Jesus Christ, the Sower. Amen.

Silence

Closing responses

Leader This is the day that God has made;

ALL: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

Leader: We will not offer to God

ALL: OFFERINGS THAT COST US NOTHING.

Leader: Go in peace to love and to serve;

ALL: WE WILL SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

Leader: In the name of the Trinity of Love,

ALL: GOD IN COMMUNITY, HOLY AND ONE.

Closing Song: 598 *Go to the world*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!