

The Anglican Churches of Grenville North

Burritt's Rapids Service at the Locks

July 19, 2020

Announcements and Welcome

Opening Hymn: *Sing a new song unto the Lord*

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O come before the Lord,
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. **Refrain**

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.
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

Gloria (2x)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Collect of the Day (we pray together)

Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.

Give us pure hearts and constant wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

First Reading: *Isaiah 44:6–8 (NRSV)*

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 139:1-12, 23-24

- 1** Lord, you have searched me out *
and known me.
- 2** You know my sitting down and my rising up; *
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3** You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4** Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 5** You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 7** Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8** If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 9** If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10** even there your hand will lead me *
and your mighty hand hold me fast.
- 11** If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night."
- 12** Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day*
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 23** Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 24** Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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

Gospel Hymn: *God of the Sparrow*

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24–30, 36-43 (NRSV)

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ 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?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ 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.’ ”

³⁶ 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.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in your name. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Our music today is offered by The Cameron Strings
