

Season of Creation 3 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

Online, Service of the Word I

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The Gathering of the Community (BAS 185)

Tania

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all
And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR CREATION

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

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The Penitential Rite
Invitation to Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Kyrie Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

HYMN CP #3 MORNING HAS BROKEN

1. Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

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The Collect of the Day

France

Seigneur Dieu, tu as créé le ciel et la terre et tu nous as créés à ton image. Apprends-nous à discerner ta main dans toutes tes oeuvres et à te servir avec respect et gratitude, par Jésus-Christ, notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et l'Esprit Saint, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

Or

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader

A reading from the Book of Wisdom. (*Wis 1:16-2:1, 12-22.*)

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
“Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm #54 (BAS p. 773

Psalm Leader

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

France

Lecture tirée de la lettre de Jacques. (*Jacques 3:13-4:3, 7-8A.*)

Qui est sage et intelligent parmi vous ? Qu'il tire de sa bonne conduite la preuve que la sagesse empreint ses actes de douceur. Mais si vous avez le cœur plein d'aigre jalousie et d'esprit de rivalité, ne faites pas les fiers et ne nuisez pas à la vérité par vos mensonges. Cette sagesse-là ne vient pas d'en haut ; elle est terrestre, animale, démoniaque. En effet, la jalousie et l'esprit de rivalité s'accompagnent de remous et de force affaires fâcheuses. Mais la sagesse d'en haut est d'abord pure, puis pacifique, douce, conciliante, pleine de pitié et de bons fruits, sans façon et sans fard. Le fruit de la justice est semé dans la paix pour ceux qui font œuvre de paix.

D'où viennent les conflits, d'où viennent les combats parmi vous ? N'est-ce pas de vos plaisirs qui guerroyent dans vos membres ? Vous convoitez et ne possédez pas ; vous êtes meurtriers et jaloux, et ne pouvez réussir ; vous combattez et bataillez. Vous ne possédez pas parce que vous n'êtes pas demandeurs ; vous demandez et ne recevez pas parce que vos demandes ne visent à rien de mieux que de dépenser pour vos plaisirs. Soumettez-vous donc à Dieu, mais résistez au diable, et il fuira loin de vous ; approchez-vous de Dieu et il s'approchera de vous.

La Parole du Seigneur.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

Or A reading from the Letter of James. (James 3:13-4:3, 7-8A)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. (*or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (BAS p. 68)

Jane

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (Mk 9:30-37)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus and the disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Jane

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (BAS p. 68)

Tania

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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.
He ascended into heaven,
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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Hugh

Let us pray to God our creator, who has given us the earth's goodness for our delight, and entrusted it to our care and tenderness. For all who live in captivity to debt, whose lives are cramped by fear from which there is no turning except through abundant harvest;

Lord, we pray, **hear our prayer.**

For all who depend on the earth for their daily food and fuel, whose forests are destroyed for the profit of a few;

Lord, we pray, **hear our prayer.**

For those who labour in poverty, are oppressed by unjust laws, are prevented from speaking the truth, and long for a harvest of justice;

Lord, we pray, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are captive to greed and waste and boredom, whose harvest joy is choked with things they do not need;

Lord, we pray, **hear our prayer.**

Save us from all that holds us captive, restore our vision, that our mouth may be filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hugh

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 forever. Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Tania

The Sending

Blessing

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love,
joy and peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and
remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: CP#505 Be Thou my Vision

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Tania