

# *A Service of the Word*

The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 16, 2020

Virtual worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

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*Organ Prelude - Two hymn settings:*

*"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by Don Freudenburg (1939-2007)*

*"Jesus Loves Me" by Brenda Portman (b.1980)*

*Played by Gail Ovington*

*Rhonda Dextraze leads the singing today*

*Territorial acknowledgement and gathering*

Dean Ken

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.**

Almighty God,  
**All to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 prayer.**

**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. Amen.**

God has forgiven us and drawn us close,  
**reconciling us through Jesus Christ,  
who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.**  
With glad and grateful hearts,  
**Praise the Lord!**

Hymn            CP 312

Chorus          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

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

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

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Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.  
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Melissa Green, Reader

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. GENESIS 45:1-15

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 133 *said together*

**Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when all live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

Hymn            MV 154

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Bob Purdy, reader

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. MATTHEW 15:(10-20) 21-28

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Bob Purdy

Affirmation of Faith

Melissa Green

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us pray for the needs of the world.  
To the bidding: Lord help us, please respond with:  
**We trust in you.**

God of mercy and healing,  
you are Lord of all,  
embracing the estranged,

blessing the banished,  
reconciling the rejected.

We cry out to you now,  
confident that your provision is  
abundantly more than enough  
to preserve the church, redeem the world,  
and deliver the tormented.  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For your people, the house of Israel,  
and the household of faith near and far,  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

That the church may replicate your reconciliation,  
model your mercy, and herald your healing for all,  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For unity and harmony to flow freely  
among your creatures and throughout your creation,  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For reconciliation and new beginnings  
among estranged families, races, nations, and peoples,  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For healing for those who are tormented, rejected,  
marginalized, fearful, forgotten, cast off,  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For those whose names we now lift in your presence,  
silently or aloud.

Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For our ancestors in the faith,  
now kept in your care and never forgotten by you,  
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

We stand in your circle of favor,  
embraced by you,  
healed by you, blessed by you,

remembered by you, secured by you,  
grateful for your loving care. **Amen.**

Gracious God,  
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
you know our needs before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking.  
Grant our requests as may be best for us.  
This we ask in the name of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Confession and Absolution*

Dean Ken

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

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.**

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## *Closing Responses*

Mysterious God, confounding our expectations  
meeting us where we least expect to find you

**Stay with us now**

Child of the manger, healing our pain  
sharing our weakness

**Stay with us now**

Source of life  
birth of God within our own experience

**Stay with us now**

Stay with us in our frailty  
stay with us on our journey

**Walk beside us, live within us**

**Lead us to glory, lead us home**

The blessing of God  
Source of All Being,  
Eternal Word,  
and Holy Spirit,  
Guide, sustain, and accompany us  
on life's miraculous journey, now and for ever, **Amen.**



## Announcements

Hymn CP 259

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts of every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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*Organ postlude: Hymn "Evening and Morning" - setting by David Cherwien (b. 1957)*