

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 12 JULY 2020

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God's People

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96: 9

Opening Hymn: CH319 *“Father of heaven, whose love profound”*

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M5WBUbKH38&t>

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice holy, Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

Edward Cooper (1770-1833) altd.

INTRODUCTION

We come to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.
Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence is kept.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/isaiah/55/>

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

The Psalm: Psalm 65

Listen to and sing along with this psalm at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K35KXs5gjiI>

- 1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion :
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer :
unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me :
O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man, whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee :
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,
even of thy holy temple.
- 5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation :
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
- 6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains :
and is girded about with power.
- 7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea :
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens :
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it :
thou makest it very plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is full of water :
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof :
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
- 12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness :
and thy clouds drop fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness :
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
- 14 The folds shall be full of sheep :
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Reading: Romans 8: 1-11

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/romans/8/>

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh

is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/matthew/13/>

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

THE SERMON

Revd William Olhausen has prepared a sermon podcast which you may listen to at:

<https://www.dublinandglendaloughsermons.com/sermons/becoming-fruitful-william-olhausen>

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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.**

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel

Let us pray.

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:

Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence
but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve

We thank you Lord.

For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CH491 “*We have a gospel to proclaim*”

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2FX0-kS7wA>

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour’s name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God’s right hand,
by all creation glorified;
he sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Edward J Burns (b.1938)

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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: 14