

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

*July 12, 2020: The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Hymn – CP 477**

Text: Bernard Barton; Music: Melody Johann Crüger;  
Tune: Gräfenburg (Nun Danket All)

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace our path when wont to stray;  
stream from the fount of heavenly grace, brook by the traveller's way;  
bread of our souls, whereon we feed, true manna from above;  
our guide and chart, wherein we read of God's unending love;  
pillar of fire, through watches dark, or radiant cloud by day;  
when waves would whelm our tossing bark, our anchor and our stay;  
word of the ever living God, will of the glorious Son;  
without thee how could earth be trod, or heaven itself be won?  
Lord, grant us all a right to learn the wisdom it imparts,  
and to its heavenly teaching turn with simple, childlike hearts.

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

*People* And also with you.

**Gloria**

*New Plainsong Mass - David Hurd*

*Officiant*  
*All*

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.

**Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing.*

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 55: 10-13*

*Reader* For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Please remain seated.*

*Psalms 65: 9-14—Plainsong*

*Cantor* You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plen-teous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

*All* You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you pro-vide for the\_earth.

*Cantor* You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridg-es; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

*All* You crown the year with your good-ness, \*  
and your paths over-flow with plenty.

*Cantor* May the fields of the wilderness be rich for gra-zing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with\_joy.

*All* May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and\_sing.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Cantor* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor* The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,  
so that you can do it.

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospeller* That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 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. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 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. 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. 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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

### The Nicene Creed

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant*

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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### Offering Hymn – CP 478

Text: John Cawood, alt.; Music: Francis Vincent Novello;  
Tune: Albano

Almighty God, thy word is cast like seed into the ground:  
now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of righteousness this holy seed remove:  
but give it root in every heart, to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy:  
but let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown, thy quickening grace bestow,  
that all whose souls the truth receive its saving power may know.

### **Offering Prayer**

*Officiant* All things come of thee; and of thine own have we given thee.  
*People* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem** Laudate Dominum *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; laudate eum, omnes populi  
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius,  
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.*

*Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.  
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people.  
For He has bestowed his mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,  
and for generations of generations. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*McNeil Robinson*

*Officiant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*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 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.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us into relationship. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* 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.

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

## **The Peace**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Doxology**

*Officiant* Glory to God,  
*All* 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.

## **The Blessing**

*Officiant* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

## Hymn – CP 352

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton. St. 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*,  
Richmond, 1790; Music: *Melody Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829;  
adapt. Edwin Othello Excell; Tune: New Britain

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Arietta

*Thomas Kerr*

*Officiant: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson*

*Homilist: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald –  
Associate Priest, St. James Cathedral*

*Reader & Intercessor: Pamela Guy*

*Organist: David Simon*

*Cantor: Rebecca Gray*

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