



*That we may
have the grace
to maintain
our liberties
in righteousness
and peace.*

With Freedom's Holy Light

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

5 July 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

Concerning Today's Service

It has been determined that singing, since it projects the human voice, is an activity which enhances the spread of viral particles. Our use of music in the liturgy is being curtailed. When music is included, care has been taken to prepare and execute it in the most careful manner possible. Please sing along at home.

Prelude

Opening Hymn 427 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with:
Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known
than Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Opening Sentences

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis*

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.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Zechariah.

Zechariah 9:9-12

The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 145:8-15 *read in unison*

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Romans 7:15-25a

The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Canticle *A Song of Faith*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthen. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.]

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People



After each petition is silence during which special intentions may be named.

The leader concludes the silence with: Christ, be our light

*And everyone responds: **And shine in our hearts.***

The Celebrant concludes with a prayer.

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem *The Call by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) (arr. Evans)*
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my
Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; Such a
feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come,
my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; Such a
love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love. - *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 719 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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