**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE AUGUST 30, 2020**

*(Father Roy)*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. *Ephesians 1.17, 18*

**HYMN** **CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing

And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:

Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;

He rules o’er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:

Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;

Jesus, the judge shall come

And take his servants up

To their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel voice;

The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray:

**Collect**

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name,

increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

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 BOOX OF EXODUS** (read by Brian Carr)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+3%3A1-15&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-1594a)] He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+3%3A1-15&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-1595b)] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.’

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**A READING FROM PSALM 26** (Read by R. Luther)

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

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

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

**HYMN CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

Dear God, compassionate and kind,

Forgive our foolish ways.

Reclothe us in our rightful minds,

In purer lives thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise,

In deeper reverence, praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,

O calm of hills above,

Where Jesus knelt to share with thee

The silence of eternity

Interpreted by love,

Interpreted by love

Breathe through the heats of our desire

Thy coolness and thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,

O still small voice of calm,

O still small voice of calm.

*(Deacon Jacquie)*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

MATTHEW 16:21-28

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON: Father Roy Shepherd**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **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.**

**The Prayers of the People**  (led by Hyacinth Harvey)

Gracious God, you have called us to take up our cross and give our lives for the sake of Christ, hear our prayers for the needs of all your creation, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Linda our Primate, Andrew and Kevin, our bishops, Pam and Roy our priests, Jacquie our deacon and all who minister here, that we may bear witness to the way of Christ and be open to God’s call to serve others by following the example of Jesus.***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For this parish family, that we may have the grace and strength to bear the cross in the face of opposition and indifference, especially as we prepare to once again gather for worship. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all whose lives have been touched by storms, fires, and the pandemic, that they may find help, hope, and compassionate care from those around them. ***Hear us, O Holy One***

For all teachers, students, and parents, as they struggle to achieve a balance between the need to teach and learn and concern for health and safety in this time of pandemic. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those known to us (SILENCE) that God will strengthen and sustain them each day. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all the departed, remembering especially those known to us (SILENCE), that they may follow Christ into the glory of his Father. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. God of glory, who calls us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, hear our prayers and grant us zeal to serve you and to rejoice in hope that all the world may be blessed by the redeeming work of Christ's cross, through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of your Holy Name. ***Amen.***

*(Pastor Pam)*

**Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* 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.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Closing prayer** Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.

Give us grace to love one another

that your love may be made perfect in us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**BLESSING:** 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; and the blessing of God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, now and always.

**AMEN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN CP 371 To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, who great things has done!

God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God’s voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give God the glory, who great things has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God:

That when the offender, repenting, believes,

Through Jesus’ atonement, God’s pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see! *Refrain*

VIDEO One Day at a Time

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