**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE AUGUST 2, 2020**

*(Fr. Roy to start)*

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

**HYMN** **CP 80 We hail thee now, O Jesus**

We hail thee now, O Jesus:  
thy presence here we own,  
though sight and touch have failed us,  
and faith perceives alone.  
Thy love has veiled thy glory  
and hid thy power divine,  
in mercy to our weakness,  
beneath an earthly sign.

We hail thee now, O Jesus:  
in silence hast thou come,  
for all the hosts of heaven  
with wonderment are dumb --  
so great the condescension,  
so marvelous the love,  
which for our sakes, O Saviour,  
have drawn thee from above.

We hail thee now, O Jesus:  
for death is ever near,  
and in thy presence only  
its terrors disappear.  
Dwell with us, sweetest Saviour,  
and guide us through the night,  
till shadows end in glory.  
and faith be lost in sight.

*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**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry

with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom.

Renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHER ISAIAH** (read by Carole Mallett)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 55:1-5

**A READING FROM PSALM 17** (read by Isaac Luther)

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour, of those who take refuge at your right hand.

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offence with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

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

PSALM 17:1-7, 16

HYMN **CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun**

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun

Does its successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where’er he reigns;

The prisoners leap to lose their chains;

The weary find eternal rest,

And all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring

Peculiar honours to our King,

Angels descend with songs again,

And earth repeat the loud Amen.

*(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.**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MATTHEW 14:13-21

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON: Rev. Roy Shepherd**

**DUET Father Almighty (Panis Angelicus) by Cesar Franck:**

Father Almighty, Lord God most holy,

Thee would we worship as before thy throne we bow;

Touch thou our lowly hearts, Heal thou our wounded hearts;

Father, bless us, Grant us thy merciful love!

Father Almighty, Lord God most holy,

Thee would we worship as before thy throne we bow;

Touch thou our lowly hearts, Heal thou our wounded hearts;

Father, bless us, Send down thy light from above!

Father, bless us, Grant us thy mercy, thy truth,

And thy love!

**The Prayers of the People**  (led by Monica Francis)

Let us offer our prayers in the Name of Jesus who had compassion on the multitude, and whose bounty feeds us all, saying*: Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially for Linda our Primate, Andrew and Kevin, our bishops, Pam and Roy our priest, Jacquie our deacon and all who minister, that we may share the Bread of Life with all who hunger for meaning and purpose in life. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For this parish family, that we may recognize the generosity of God who abundantly fills all our needs. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For peace in our cities and communities, so that violence may end, and dialogue expand in areas of conflict. ***Hear us, O Holy One*.**

For all who work in and support food banks and other ministries that feed the hungry, that their efforts may show the love and compassion of God to hungry children and families. ***Hear us, O Holy One*.**

For travelers and those on vacation, for farmers, and those who bring food to our tables, and for all those in need of our prayers, (SILENCE) that God will bless, renew, and protect them. ***Hear us, O Holy One*.**

For the sick, particularly those with Covid-19, that God will relieve their pain, restore them to wholeness, and strengthen all those who are caring for them. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all the departed, remembering especially those who have died in the pandemic or by violence, and others known to us (SILENCE), that they may feast with delight at the heavenly banquet table, let us pray to the Lord. ***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. Loving God you nurture and nourish us, hear our prayers and fill us with the abundance of your grace, that all people may know and feel the goodness of your presence, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. ***Amen.***

**HYMN What a Fellowship, what a joy divine (SYWH105)**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine

Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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*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** God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day,

and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,

your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 Trust and Obey (SYWH110)**

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word,

What a Glory He sheds on our way;

While we do His good will He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

# Trust and obey

***For there’s no other way***

***To be happy in Jesus***

***But to trust and obey.***

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,

But His smile quickly drives it away;

Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear

Can abide while we trust and obey. *Refrain*

But we never can prove the delights of His love

Until all on the altar we lay;

For the favour He shows, and the joy He bestows

Are for them who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

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