

Recorded Service of the Word
The Anglican Parish of St. Mary of the Incarnation
Serving the Community of Metchosin BC since 1862
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Ringing of the church bell this week:

Struan and Sharleen

Welcome and acknowledgement of territories

We gather our hearts and minds from our homes and join as one as we prepare for worship.....

GATHERING

Hymn

Alleluia Glory to God CP 457

Shirley Roodbol

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant May God's grace and peace be with you

People **May God fill our hearts with joy!**

Almighty God
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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Act 17:22-31

Ed Watson

Paul makes it clear, in a letter that he writes to the Christ-community in Galatia, that he has been called to a specific task. He writes that he “had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised”. In other words, his missionary activity will be directed principally, even exclusively, towards non-Jewish, gentile communities. In this first reading, from the book of Acts, Paul, standing in front a low hill northwest of the Acropolis, is speaking to Greek Athenians. He begins by praising them for being “extremely religious” (they worship many gods) and then directs them to the good news of Jesus Christ. (Philip Wadham)

We listen to a reading from Acts, chapter 17

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Ed: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-18

Rachel Mitten

8. Who holds our souls in life*
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9. For you, O God, have proved us;*
you have tried us just as silver is tried
10. You brought us into the snare*
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;*
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12. I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and I will pay you my vows,*

- which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams*
I will give you oxen and goats.
14. Come and listen all you who fear God,*
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
15. I called to God with my mouth,*
and God's praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had found evil in my heart,*
the Lord would not have heard me;
17. But in truth God has heard me;*
God has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld God's love from me.

God of power and might, you bring your people out of darkness and slavery into light and freedom through the waters of salvation. Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and keep us always in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Peter 3:13-22

Russ Mitten

This letter of Peter, written at the end of the first century was addressed to a number of Christ-communities in what is today the region of Turkey. Some have suffered for their faith. They have been treated cruelly by those opposed to their belief about Jesus. The writer counsels the believers who are challenged by those opposed to their faith to respond with "gentleness and reverence". The members of these Christ-communities are to remember that, through their baptism they are called into a new way of living. Above all, they are to live as those whose distinctive character is a "good conscience". (Philip Wadham)

We listen to a reading from first Peter, chapter 3

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Russ: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Alleluia!

Shirley Roodbol

The Lord be with you

Deacon Wally Eamer

And also with you

The Holy Gospel + According to John 14:15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee CP 425

Rachel Mitten

THANKSGIVING

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy
God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
pause
Most merciful God +
**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 neighbour as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
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. **Amen.**

Confession of Faith

Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

This is the first and the greatest commandment.

The second is like it"

Love our neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Wally

We, the people of this church and community living with the uncertainty of the pandemic, live with the glorious certainty of our loving God and His call for compassion. May we be open to God's love and strength in these times, saying "**Lord, hear our prayers**"

For Linda, our Primate, Archbishop Anne Germond and clergy and people of the Anglican Diocese of Algoma, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the dean, council and

congregations of the Manitoba South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod, for Ansley and others of our diocese who carry the responsibilities of the Bishop's office, for Aneeta our Pastor, and all other ministers that they may fulfill their calling in the midst of social isolation. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For those who live with hunger, pandemic and extreme poverty, especially in Africa, Latin America and southern Asia, and in camps of refugees from Syria, Myanmar, Pakistan, and the Congo, for Naheed, Rahanna and their daughter, and for refugees known only to God. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, Justin our Primate Minister, John our Premier, our mayors, Chiefs, and all political leaders, that they may serve all citizens with fairness. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For the strengthening of reconciliation among indigenous and other Canadians across Canada. May we always honour the rights of indigenous peoples under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including Free, Prior and Informed Consent. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For those who work to protect and care for us, including health and community home workers, and the police and Canadian Armed Forces. We pray for those we love in our families, community and congregation, specifically: for Judith, Kelsi, Andy, Thomas and Frank; for Willi and Gordon, Caleb, Jan, Eugene, Hariett, Janette, Bob and Rich; and for Russ, Katrina, and we give thanks for the Cue family, who leave soon to live in Nova Scotia **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Jesus, be as patient with us as you were with your own disciples, perhaps even more so, and may we honour your call as did they. **Amen**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 forever.**

Hymn

Come My Way My Truth My Life CP 569

Allison Marshall

SENDING

Announcements: Thank you for joining us in worship today. Join us every Sunday in this way for worship until we can gather in person again. We have Zoom Kids Sunday School

at 10:00 am where I'll lead the children in a bible story. Join us on Wednesdays at 1pm for a social and prayer time...it's a great chance to connect and if you're new to the community, or from the Metchosin area and you're looking to connect with folks, you are welcome! Check out the website for contacts for our Zoom meetings.

Benediction The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and with mercy and the Lord + look upon you with favour and give you peace, **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God.

**Join us next week for Sunday online worship. A link to the recording will be sent out via email along with a liturgy to follow along every week. Join us for Zoom "Children's Chat" at 10:00 am If you'd like to join and haven't been in contact with Scott please email him at scott.dolff@gmail.com This Wednesday join us for online Zoom drop in prayer at 1:00 pm. If you haven't been receiving pastor Aneeta's emails with instructions, please email (asaroop@bc.anglican.ca) or call (250-812-5965)

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