

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10 , 2020

Ringing of the church bell this week:

Mary Jane and Jenny

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

Now the Green Blade Rises CP 237

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!**

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

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Acts 7:55-60

Ed Watson

A reading from Acts 7, verses 55-60

Luke's narrative in Acts now makes clear that besides idyllic success, the apostles encountered hardship and death. The details of the story of Stephen's martyrdom parallel both Jesus'

baptism and his crucifixion. Stephen was one of the seven men appointed by the apostles to fill the role of deacon, caring for the poor. Luke also places in his mouth a long speech in which Christ is seen as the replacement for the Jewish temple. Luke's reference to Jesus as the Son of Man allows the persecuted community to trust that at the end of time, Christ will return as apocalyptic judge to vindicate all who have suffered for their faith. (Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress)

A reading from Acts Chapter 7 verses 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Ed: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

Rachel Mitten

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me,

O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me.

Rachel: Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

1Peter 2:2-10

Max and Helen McArthur

As we learned last week, the author of this circular letter written at the end of the first century, is addressing a number of Christ-communities in what is today the region of Turkey. The listeners are gentiles, non-Jews, who through the life and witness of Jesus, and affirmed by his resurrection, are counted as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people". The good news of God's love, manifested in Jesus Christ, is, according to the writer, for all people. What is important is that they believe it. (Philip Wadham)

A reading from 1st Peter, chapter 2

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner', and
'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Helen or Max : 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 14:1-14

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

The Rev. Dr. John Gram

Hymn

Nothing Can Trouble CP 568

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 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

Russ Mitten

This morning we share the prayers of Old Saint Mary Parish in Wisconsin established in 1846
In our prayers this morning the response to the phrase We pray to you Lord is Lord hear our
prayer.

For the Church, that we may find ways to both preach the word and serve our neighbor,
especially during this time of separation and crisis.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for
Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada - The dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg
Central and North Areas of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod
The Anglican Church in Canada - Bishop Susan Bell, the clergy and people of the Diocese of
Niagara

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer - The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of
All Kenya and the Anglican Church of Kenya

In our own Diocese we pray for Ansley, the diocesan administrator. The community of S.
George at Kingcome Inlet, Wakeman, Hopetown, & Gillford Island. Diocese of Kootenay - Bishop
Lynne McNaughton Logan,
We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

For elected leaders, that they may serve with wisdom, compassion and humility all the people
in their care.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

For an end to gun violence in our community and in our nation.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

For mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and expectant mothers, that they may know the
value of their nurturing presence in the love of their families.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

That, more and more, we will come to see the Lord Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

For all who are on the frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic, especially our health care workers
and first responders, for all who are unable to stay at home, but must work to provide for their
families, may God continue to protect them and keep them in good health.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

That all of us gathered in our homes, or wherever we are, watching this service, that we may
find comfort in the Lord when our hearts are troubled and extend that comfort to others whose
hearts are also troubled.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

For our sick, may the risen Christ visit them with healing power and new hope. This week St.
Mary's prays for Willi, Gordon, Katrina, Natasha, April, Sean, Caleb, Jan, Eugene, Harriet,
Janette and Rich. For Naheed, Rahman's and their daughter.

For all who have died; (Especially remembering.....) May they live forever with Christ in the
glory of the resurrection.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken.

We pray to the Lord...Lord Hear our prayer

God of all, you sent your only Son to a sinful people and he shows us the way back to you. Help us always to keep his way firmly in our sights as we make these prayers to you in his name, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Is CP 620

Shirley Roodbol

SENDING

Aneeta: **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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