

Service of the Word for Pentecost 19 /Proper 28

Introduction

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Welcome

Opening Responses

St Paul says: My brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything,
but in everything
by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Philippians 4.4-7

Hymn

Ye holy angels bright

**Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.**

Tune: Darwell's 148th; Words: R. Baxter

Confession & Absolution

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Holy God, we fear your judgement:
teach us to know it as a friend.

Your word has pierced us:
we are exposed, laid open to your sight.

Therefore let us bless you
for you come to us when we are most ashamed;
**and when we long to hide our face from you
you will not suffer us to turn away.**

You call us by our name:
**raise us, invite us into shameless love,
into the wedding banquet of our God.**

Holy God, know us, judge us, turn us, forgive us.

Silence

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Anthem *Gabriel Jackson* Jesu, Rex admirabilis

*O Jesus, King most wonderful!
Thou Conqueror renowned!
Thou Sweetness most ineffable!
in whom all joys are found!*

*When once Thou visitest the heart,
then truth begins to shine;
then earthly vanities depart;
then kindles love divine.*

*O Jesu! Light of all below!
Thou font of life and fire!
surpassing all the joys we know,
and all we can desire.*

*May every heart confess Thy name,
and ever Thee adore;
and seeking Thee, itself inflame
to seek Thee more and more.*

*Thee may our tongues for ever bless;
Thee may we love alone;
and ever in our lives express
the image of Thine own. Amen.*

Collect

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Philippians 4.1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Hymn **Through all the changing scenes of life**

**Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.**

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Tune: Wiltshire; Words: Psalm 34 (Tate & Brady New Version)

Gospel Matthew 22.1-14

When it is announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

At the end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon Rev Andy Philip, Chaplain

Anthem *Mundy* He that hath my commandments

*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:
and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father,
and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

John 14.21

Affirmation of faith

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
You, O God, are all that I have:
and therefore I will wait on you.
You are good to those who wait for you,
to all those who seek you.
It is good to wait in patience:
for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3.22-26

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered for the world and all its people,
particularly for those who suffer and those in need,
and for the Church and its calling.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
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**

Closing Prayer

Beloved, whatever is true,
whatever is honourable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen,
and the God of peace will be with you. Amen.

Philippians 4.8-9

Hymn

We shall go out

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our song of wrongs that can be righted.
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping.
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all within the circles of our love.**

Tune: Londonderry Air; Words: June Boyce Tillman

Blessing & Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary Bridge Adagio in E

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