

A Service of Morning Prayer for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2020

*With members of the Parish of the Valley Clergy Team
and participants from across the Parish of the Valley and the Parish of St Barnabas, Deep River
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Bell Ringer & Greeter – Rev. Gillian Hoyer and Lily Brown – from St. Clement's Chapel, Clontarf

Words of Welcome, Preacher & Responder – Rev. Matthew Brown

Officiant, Gospeller & Intercessor – Rev. Rick Durrett

Readers – Sandra Sharp, Ascension Killaloe

Jennie Mick, St. Stephen's Micksburg

Hymn – “Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels” -- Betty Studd, St. John’s Eganville

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

Rev. Rick: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

All: **O Come let us Worship.**

Rev. Rick: God's love has been poured into our hearts.

All: **We dwell in Him, and He in us.**

Rev. Rick: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.

All: **Make known His deeds among the peoples.**

Rev. Rick: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him.

All: **And speak of all His marvellous works.**

Rev. Rick: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

All: **Who was and is and is to come!**

Venite (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

Rev. Rick (All) **Come, let us sing to the Lord;**
Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are His also.
The sea is His for He made it,
and His hands have moulded the dry land.
Come let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For His is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the
sheep of His hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to His voice!

Rev. Rick: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. O Come let us Worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

Sandra Sharp: A reading from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3: 1-15),

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.' 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, 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.

Sandra Sharp: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

Psalm 105 (vs. 1-6, 23-26, 45) – led responsively by Rev. Rick

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; *
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

² Sing to the Lord, sing praises, *
and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.

³Glory in the holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴Search for the strength of the Lord; *
continually seek the face of God.

⁵Remember the marvels the Lord has done, *
the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,

⁶O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, *
O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.

²³ Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

²⁴The Lord made this people exceedingly fruitful; *
making them stronger than their enemies;

²⁵whose heart God turned, so that they hated this people, *
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

²⁶O Lord, you sent Moses your servant, *
and Aaron whom you had chosen.

⁴⁵that they might keep your statutes *
and observe your laws. Hallelujah!

Jennie Mick: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Chapter 12: 9-21),

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Jennie Mick: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks Be to God.**

Rev. Rick: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Chapter 16: 21-28),
All: **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.'

Rev. Rick: The Gospel of Christ
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon – Rev. Matthew

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Rick (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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Led by Rev. Rick

The response to "Let us pray to the Lord" is "Lord have mercy".

The Collect

Rev. Rick: Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you feed your children
until each is satisfied.
Turn our eyes to you alone,
so that, aware of our own deepest longings,
we reach out with Christ
to feed others with the depth of your love.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Rick: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

Rev. Rick: 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.

Rev. Rick: Let us bless the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Rick: *The Blessing*
All: **Amen.**

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.

Closing Hymn – “Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels” – *Common Praise* #494

Performed by Betty Studd, St. John’s Eganville

1. Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
not for wisdom to discern,
not for faith that masters mountains,
for this better gift we yearn (**Refrain**)

Refrain

May love be ours, Lord.
May love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.

2. Love is humble; love is gentle;
love is tender, true and kind;
love is gracious, ever patient,
generous of heart and mind:
may love be ours, O Lord. (**Refrain**)

3. Never jealous, never selfish,
love will not rejoice in wrong;
never boastful, nor resentful,
love believes and suffers long:
may love be ours, O Lord. (**Refrain**)

4. In the day this world is fading
faith and hope will play their part,
but when Christ is seen in glory
love shall reign in every heart:
may love be ours, O Lord. (**Refrain**)

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