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This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



ROGATION SUNDAY

Sunday 17 May 2020

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Opening Hymn ¶ All sing

“Blessèd Assurance”

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain *This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long. (Repeat)*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

Words: FRANCES CROSBY (1820 - 1915)
Music: PHOEBE KNAPP (1839 - 1908)



The Greeting

Presbyter

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People

and also with you.

Presbyter

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presbyter

Lord we remember that we are called by you to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,

People

**and to share the gifts you have given with one another.
Amen.**

Note on the service this morning

Today is Rogation Sunday — originally so called because of the words in the Prayer Book gospel for the day: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give to you". (The Latin is 'Rogare' - to ask.) In the strictly biblical context, the chief thing to ask for is the Spirit of God to enable us to be true children of God. Rogation takes place in the springtime, when there is a renewing of the earth.

Reflection: **Human-kind's relationship to the natural order.**

What does it mean to "have dominion" under God over the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and the reptiles, the plants bearing seed, the trees bearing fruit, the green plants?

| The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lesson Joel 2. 21 - 27

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Psalm 84

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnCi0d4YJB8>

Response: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy House, they will always be praising Thee.

The Epistle St. James 1.22-end

Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

The Holy Gospel St. John 16.23-end

Jesus said unto his disciples, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

All recite The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya



| The Sharing of the Peace |

Presbyter The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said,
 “Peace be with you.” Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
 Alleluia.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

Hymn

“Morning has broken”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VL9xXyLrq00>

| The Prayers of the People |

Intercessor Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.
 Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
 Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed. We ask in faith:

People **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may
 all find dignity and just reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed.
 We especially pray for all migrant labourers at this time. We ask in faith:

People **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
 Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the
 world. We ask in faith:

People **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
 Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes and
 rivers. We ask in faith:

People **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Upon all non government agencies, especially the YMCA, as they provide relief to
 many during this time of lockdown, send a blessing, O Lord.
 Where children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
 give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous. We ask in faith:

People **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor We ask you to hear us, good Lord, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus
 Christ.

People **Amen.**

| The Liturgy of the Lord’s Table |

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.
 All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.
 The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,
 giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly
 “eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,
 although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.
 The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building
 but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.
 In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
 to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”*



|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

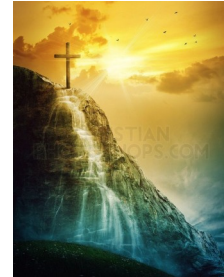
God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing ¶ All sing

“How great Thou art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! (2)



When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die — I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain

Refrain



When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Words: CARL BOBERG (1859 - 1940)
Music: Swedish folk melody

The Dismissal

Presbyter With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † the healing of all nations † the safe repatriation of all migrant workers to their home states
- † all members of the extended Cathedral family who are overseas: Reuben Jadhav, Rajiv and Rahul and their families; Anuradha, Suresh, Bhanumati & Mohini Patil; Nikhil & Ramola Joshi, Reuben & Rebecca Paul; Cecily & Stanley George; Shraviya & Ankit; Sony & Martina; Deepa & Paul; Sharon and all others known to us.
- † all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Especially for all doctors in our community: Malathy Samuel, Rekha Solomonraj, Samantha; Evangeline Samuel, Sooraj Vijayan.
- † the relief work being carried out by the Diocese and all diocesan staff and their families.
- † the Church of North India's (CNI) Diocese of Marathwada and the Rt Revd M. U. Kasab.
- † the Church of South India's (CSI) Diocese of Kanyakumari and the Rt Revd Chelliah.
- † in the Anglican Communion the Church in Korea and the Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo.

▪ **Ascension Day** is on Thurs 21 May 2020. We will have a short online service on zoom at 10AM.
Theme: *The Son of Man is exalted to the right hand of God.*

▪ **The Day of Pentecost** is on Sunday 31 May 2020.
Theme: *The gift of the Holy Spirit.*

~~~ Birthdays this Week ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Kala Chempaka (17), Evangeline Samuel (18), Samuel Sinate (18), Malcolm Desai (19), Vidyut Tiwari (20), Jaiboy Phillips (21), Aryan Jadhav (22), Revd Arpana Rangayya (23)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Alice & Colin Dawson (18), Samuel & Malathy Joseph (19), Roshan & Smita Thomas (20), Rashmikant & Anjali Salvi (23)

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