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The Church of North India
A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 5, 2020

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.



|The Preparation & Gathering|

“Amazing Grace”

JOHN NEWTON (1725 - 1807)/ Early American melody

Prelude

Violin/ Piano

View in the YouTube link to the service

The Call to Worship

Presbyter Sing aloud with gladness:
 People **God is gathering the people!**
 Presbyter From the farthest parts of the earth we come:
 People **All who struggle; all who labour with new life!**
 Presbyter Those who are weeping, God will console;
 People **Those who get lost find a clear path home.**
 Presbyter Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Opening Hymn ¶ All sing

“Praise to the Holiest in the height”

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

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. **Amen.**

Reflections on Genesis 3: 17

If you have ever been impacted by the pain of life (and is there anyone who has not?) you might well have asked the ‘why’ question.

Genesis 3 speaks of the dramatic day when things changed for humanity. We often label it ‘the Fall’ – the fall from grace..., the introduction of sin, evil, suffering, death, struggle. This is probably the most sobering chapter in the Bible. Regardless of its historicity, it is our story. It is the way we are to understand life. We know that life is fractured at every level.

This story says that the reason flows from our alienation from God. This is a seriously bad -news story. But there is one flicker of hope in it. You find it in v. 21: The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. God is prepared to be described as seamstress in this remarkable image. Even when punishing, He is ensuring their survival. It is a little pointer to the direction the story would take in the future – a future that would lead to Calvary.

~ Excerpts from a commentary by DR. BRIAN HARRIS, Principal of Vose Seminary, Perth, Australia

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The Lesson

Genesis 3. 17 - 19

And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Psalm 119: 25 - 32

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srTd-YIIPLI>

The Epistle

Romans 8. 18 - 23

I RECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who hath subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The Holy Gospel

St. Luke 6. 36 - 42

JESUS said unto his disciples, Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master; but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

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 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. *cf Romans 5.1*
The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

| The Prayers of the People |

“Sweet peace the gift of God’s love”

Invocation

[View in the YouTube link to the service](#)



There comes to my heart one sweet strain,
A glad and a joyous refrain;
I sing it again and again
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

Peace, peace, sweet peace!
Wonderful gift from above!
O wonderful, wonderful peace!
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

P. P. BILHORN (1865 - 1936)

Intercessory Prayers

Response **The LORD of hosts is with us.**

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

We pray to the LORD, to the God who is our shelter and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness. R

Lord, you are our refuge and strength:

let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed. We pray for key workers; for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for social workers, protecting the vulnerable; R

We pray for the world:

for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering; R

Lord, may the nations hear your voice: and know that you are God, supreme among the nations, supreme over all the world. We pray for those who are sick:

for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; R

We pray for the Church:

for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Church of North India; for Prem Chand our Moderator, Dharmraj the Moderator of the Church of South India, for Joseph Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, for Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter, the College of bishops, the clergy, lay ministers, and all the people in their care; for our hospital and hospice chaplains; for all who minister to the sick and the dying;

Lord, listen to our prayers,
and hear the voice of our supplications,
as we, who trust in your word,
eagerly await your help:
for you are the God of our salvation.
This we ask through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **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.”



“I need Thee every hour”

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I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Saviour
I come to Thee*

Words: ANNIE HAWKS (1835 - 1918) • Music: ROBERT LOWRY (1826 - 1899)

|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and 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 amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

“All hail the power of Jesus’ name

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vWF_IctSTo&list=RD7vWF_IctSTo&start_radio=1&t=15

The Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for: † peace at our borders.
† † all doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and those who provide for our essential services.
† all scientists and pharmaceutical companies as they work towards finding a vaccine.
† in the Diocese: for the Holy Jerusalem Church, Andheri and the Revd Prabhu Jebamani.
† the Church of North India’s Diocese of Rajasthan and the Rt Revd Darbara Singh.
† the Church of South India’s Diocese of Jaffna (in Sri Lanka) and the Rt Revd Daniel Thiagarajah .
† in the Anglican Communion for the Church of Pakistan and the Most Revd Humphrey Peters
(Moderator and Bishop of Peshawar.)

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Nikhil Joshi (7), A. Mathew (11)

~~~ Wedding Anniversary ~~~

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

Sandeep & Archana Magar (10)

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Zooming INTO church from home!

Sun	10 am	Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes.
	11:15 am	Sunday school
	7:30 pm	Bible study for the youth.
Daily	6pm	Prayer cycle led by the Women’s Fellowship.
Sat	5 pm	Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers.

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This will resume once the restrictions in place are eased.

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