

A SERVICE OF PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION 17-05-2020

Hymn: A new commandment TiS 699

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this will others know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another. *(Repeat)*

Greeting

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour,
Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect Prayer of the Day- Sixth Sunday of Easter

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 17 verses 22-31

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66. 7-19

O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,
**Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.
**You brought us into the net:
you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
You let our enemies ride over our heads,
we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
**I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:
and I will pay you my vows,**
The vows that opened my lips:
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,
with the sweet smoke of rams:**

I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.

Come then and hear, all you that fear God:
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**I called to him with my mouth:
and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:
the Lord would not have heard me.

**But God has heard me:
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**

Praise be to God:
who has not turned back my prayer,
or his steadfast love from me.

Hymn: Come down, O love divine TiS 398

Come down, O love divine, seek now this soul of mine,
And visit it with your own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (verses 14. 15-21)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

Affirmation of Faith.

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Everliving God,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent,
and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ.
Amen

(Hymn: Have faith in God my heart TiS 619)
Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.

Have faith in God, my mind,
though oft your light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wider plan
than you can fully know.

Have faith in God, my soul,
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.

Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place
until I rest, heart, mind and soul
the captive of your grace.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Intercessions for Sixth Sunday of Easter -Year A – 17th May 2020

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Let us join together in the prayer that 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us
to love and serve you
and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn- Filled with the Spirit's power TiS 411

Filled with the Spirit's power with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care people of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

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