

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2020 Ante-Communion

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine Assisting: The Rev. Michael Perry Organist: Johan van 't Hof

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alterative Services*.

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Lento, 3rd Organ Sonata

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

Hymn 7 New Every Morning Is the Love MELCOMBE

The Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy

name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law.

May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson Genesis 22.1-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 13 Usque quo, Domine? Sung



Cantor 1 HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, forever?:

* how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

All 2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart?:

* how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?

Cantor 3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God:

* lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

All 4 Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him':

* for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice.

Cantor 5 But my trust is in thy mercy, :

* and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

All 6 I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me:

* yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

* and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be:

* world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson *Romans* 6.12-23

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God

as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 10.40-42

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem Sheep Shall Safely Graze

J.S. BACH

Katherine Jones – Soprano

Nancy Nourse – Flute

Intercessions – Led by Ian Corlett

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Hymn 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

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Concluding Prayers

Lord's Prayer – *said together*

All 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 them that 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.

Celebrant Glory to God,

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.

Blessing & Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 353 My God, How Endless Is Your Love

WAREHAM

Postlude Toccata in e minor PACHELBEL

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