

Come to me,
all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST :
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.

Welcome

Steven Mackison

Prelude: “Pavana Hispanica” - *Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck*

Dan Norman

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Officiant: Steven Mackison

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison

Will Reid

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Lyn Sibley

Reader: A Reading from the Book Genesis.

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’”

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

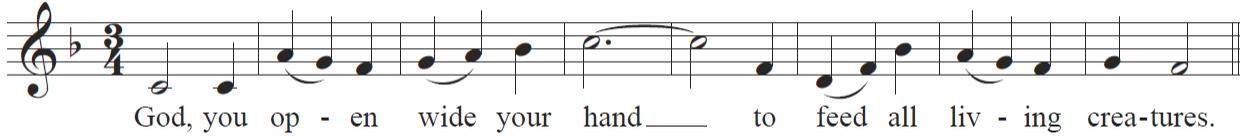
Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A moment of silence is observed

Refrain

God is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
 You, O God are loving to everyone
 your compassion is over all your works. **Refrain**

All your works praise you, O God,
 and your faithful servants bless you.
 They make known the glory of your majesty
 and speak of your power; **Refrain**

That the peoples may know of your power
 and the glorious splendor of your majesty.
 Your reign is everlasting
 your dominion endures throughout all ages. **Refrain**

You, O God, are faithful in all your words
 and merciful in all your deeds.
 You uphold all those who fall;
 and lift up those who are bowed down. **Refrain**

Second Reading*Grant Jahnke*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Roman 7.15-25a

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #540 (Common Praise) "Just as the deer"



1. Just as the deer longs for the wa - ter brooks, so longs my soul for
 2. Deep calls to deep in cat - ar - acts of thunder; your floods and rap - ids
 3. All through the day my God will com - fort me, and in the night my



you, O Lord my God. All that I am thirsts for the liv - ing spring
 crash a - cross my life. My tears have been my food both day and night;
 voice will raise God's song, and I will go to wor - ship in God's house.



of your kind pres - ence well - ing deep with - in. Why now so full of
 my God, why now have you for - got - ten me? Why now so full of
 God of my life, to you I raise my prayer, and when I come in -



heav - i - ness my soul? Why such dis - qui - et deep with - in my heart?
 heav - i - ness my soul? Why such dis - qui - et deep with - in my heart?
 - to your pres - ence, Lord, my bar - ren soul will blos - som with new life.

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The Gospel

Susan Haig

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “Lauda Sion” - *Denis Bédard*

Dan Norman

Hymn: #451 (Common Praise) "King of Love, O Christ We Crown You"



1. King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
2. King of life, you have cre - a - ted wheat in gold - en har - vest spread:
3. King of mer - cy, you have saved us from the haunt - ing sense of loss,
4. King tri - um - phant, King vic - to - rious, take your throne our hearts with - in,



each de - mand of your high chal - lenge ded - i - ca - ted to ful - fil;
make your ser - vants strong to serve you by the gift of dai - ly bread.
nail - ing in your vast com - pas - sion sin's in - dict - ment to the cross.
lest the might of fierce temp - ta - tion snare us in - to dead - ly sin.



we with you by grace co - work - ers, till, where hu - man foot has trod,
Feed us with your bod - y bro - ken, with your blood out - poured sus - tain,
Those who love, by your sore ang - uish, from the past you cleanse and free,
By the Spir - it's rich a - noint - ing, grant us strength life's race to run,



peo - ples, kings, do - min - ions, rac - es, own the em - pire of our God.
that our souls di - vine - ly strength - ened may the life e - ter - nal gain.
breath - ing words of ab - so - lu - tion throned and reign - ing from the tree.
till the power of sin be van - quished, till the prize of God be won.

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The Prayers of the People

Kate Werneburg

Leader: We are the children of God. God is listening. Let us pray.

Gracious God, we pray that your Church may always be open to receive your love; keep us swept clear of pomposity, complacency or self-righteousness; let us come humbly and simply into your presence and wait on you, knowing our dependence on you, and rejoicing in it.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: As you have called us:

All: We come to you, O God.

Leader: We pray for all world leaders and their governments; for the strength of authority comes not through force and domination but through cooperation and mutual respect; we pray for greater consideration of the needs of one another and of our planet, and a desire to right injustices, past and present.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: As you have called us:

All: We come to you, O God.

Leader: We pray for a growing maturity in our thinking and our loving that enables us to be childlike; we pray for healing from all the damage that prevents us from growing up; we pray that our children in this church may be helped to grow strong, and we thank you for all we learn from them.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: As you have called us:

All: We come to you, O God.

Leader: We pray for all who cry out for rest and relief, all who are carrying terrible burdens that weigh them down, all whose poverty denies them the chance of healing, all whose destructive choices have kept them from knowing you.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: As you have called us:

All: We come to you, O God.

Leader: We pray for those who die unprepared to meet you, and for all those who have died recently, both those well-known to us and those dying unknown and unnoticed all over the world.

Please add your prayers for those who have died over in the chat box.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. In the fullness of time, may we all find our rest in you.

As you have called us:

All: We come to you, O God.

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for your teaching us the way of gentleness and humility.

Please add your prayers of thanksgiving over in the chat box.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Steven Mackison

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **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 Doxology

Priest: 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.**

Hymn: #508 (Common Praise) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look



down, thou wea-ry one, lay down thy head up-on my breast." I
liv - ing wa-ter; thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink and live." I
un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
came to Je - sus and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
looked to Je - sus and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-elling days are done.

TEXT: Horatius
Bonar (1808-1889).
Music: Melody
English trad.; coll.
Luch Broadwood
(1858-1929);

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

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