

Sunday, July 12, 2020– Christ's Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic; **Homilist:** Dr. Rob Jones;

Cathedral Contemporary Ensemble: Caroline Bloss, voice; Brad Barnham, piano.

Organ: Michael Bloss

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

Words of Welcome

Sentence – The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. (*Deuteronomy 30.14*)

Music – Rainbow (*Kacey Musgraves*)

*When it rain it pours but you didn't even notice
It ain't rainin' anymore, it's hard to breathe
when all you know is
The struggle of staying above, the rising water line*

*Well the sky is finally open, the rain and wind
stopped blowin'
But you're stuck out in the same old storm again
You hold tight to your umbrella, well, darlin' I'm
just tryin' to tell ya
That there's always been a rainbow hangin' over
your head*

*If you could see what I see, you'd be blinded by
the colours
Yellow, red and orange and green, and at least a
million others
So tie up the bow, take off your coat and take a
look around*

*'Cause the sky is finally open, the rain and wind
stopped blowin'
But you're stuck out in the same old storm again
You hold tight to your umbrella, well, darlin' I'm
just tryin' to tell ya
That there's always been a rainbow hangin' over
your head*

*Oh tie up your bow, take off your coat and take
a look around
Everything is alright now
'Cause the sky has finally opened, the rain and
wind stopped blowin'
But you're stuck out in the same old storm again
Let go of your umbrella, 'cause darlin', I'm just
tryin' to tell ya
That there's always been a rainbow hangin' over
your head
Yeah there's always been a rainbow hangin' over
your head
It all be alright*

Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

God of the earth,
all creation awaits your gift of new life.
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word
so that it may grow within us and yield a hundredfold harvest;
through Jesus Christ, the Sower.

All

A - - - - - men.

Hymn – Hope of our calling

Text: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

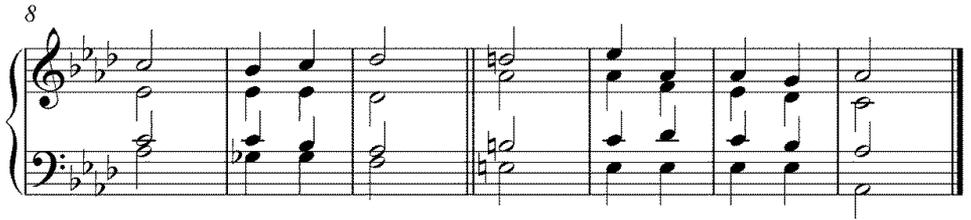
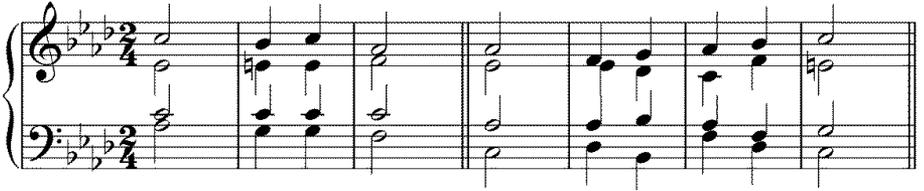
Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949). WOODLANDS



Hope of our call - ing hope through cour - age
Hope of our call - ing hope with_ strength em -
Hope of our call - ing hope with_ grace out -
Hope of our call - ing hope by_ faith made
Hope of our call - ing Spi - rit_ filled un -
won by those who dared to share all
pow'rd, in - spired by all that we have
poured, from death's des - pair the gift of
bold to sow God's right - eous - ness through -
bound, old joys re - mem - bered and new
Christ had done. saints of to - day, Christ's
seen and heard; this call is ours, for
life re - stored; our call to serve, to
out the world; bring peace from con - flict,
pur - pose found, our call re - freshed by
ban - ner now un - furled will bring his
we are cho - sen too, to live for
wash each o - ther's feet, to bring Christ's
fruit - ful - ness from weeds, the king - dom's
sa - cra - ment and word, we go in
gos - pel to a wait - ing world.
God in all we say - and do.
heal - ing touch to all we meet.
har - vest from the king - dom's seeds.
peace to love and serve the Lord.

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.



- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came / out of / Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a / people / of strange / speech,
- 2 Judah be- / came God's / sanctuary
and / Israel / God's do- / minion.
- 3 The sea be- / held it • and / fled;
---/ Jordan • turned /and went / back.
- 4 The mountains / skipped like / rams,
and the / little • hills / like young / sheep.
- 5 What ailed you O sea, / that you / fled?
O / Jordan • that / you turned / back?
- 6 You mountains that you / skipped like / rams?
you / little • hills / like young / sheep?
- 7 Tremble O earth, at the / presence • of / God,
at the presence of the Holy / One of / Jacob • and / Rachel.
- 8 God turned the hard rock into a / pool of / water
and flintstone / into • a /flow-ing / spring.

Glory to God, / Source of • all / being,
 eternal / Word and / Holy / Spirit.

As it was / in the • be- / ginning,
 is now and will be for - / ever. / A- / men.

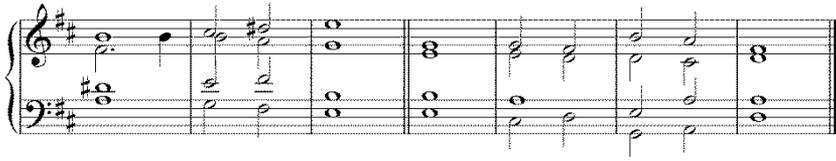
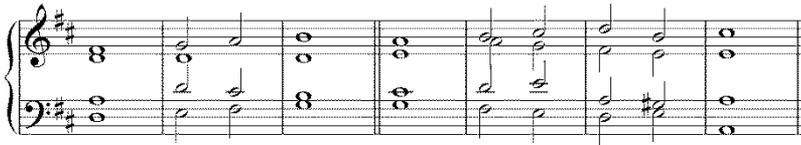
Psalm 115 *Non nobis, Domine*

Not to us O God, not to us, but to your name / give glory;*
 because of your love and faith- / fulness.

Why should the heath- / en say,*
 “Where then is / your God?”

You O God, are / in heaven;*
 whatever you will is / accomplished.

Their idols are silver / and gold,*
 the work of hu- / man hands.



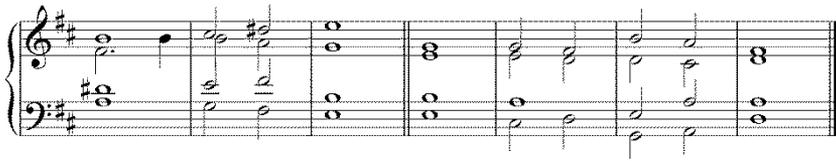
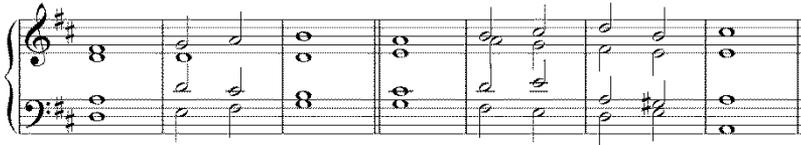
They have mouths, but they / cannot / speak;*
they have eyes, / but they / cannot / see;

They have ears, but they / cannot / hear;*
noses, / but they / cannot / smell;

They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they / cannot / walk;*
they make / no sound / with their / throat.

Those who / make them • are / like them,*
and so are all who / put their / trust in / them.

But you O Israel, / trust in / God,*
who / is your / help and • your / shield.



O house of Aaron, / trust in / God,*
who / is your / help and • your / shield.

You who are humble of heart / trust in / God;*
who / is your / help and • your / shield.

You O God, have been mindful of us, / and will / bless us;*
you will bless the house of Israel;
you will / bless the / house of / Aaron.



You will bless those / who fear you,*
both small and great / together.

May God increase you more / and more;*
you and your children af- / ter you.

May you be blessed / by God,*
the maker of heaven / and earth.

The heaven of heavens belongs / to God,*
who entrusts the earth to / its people.

The dead do / not praise God,*
nor all those who go down / in silence;

But we will bless / our God,*
from this time forth for evermore.
Halle- / luiah.

Glory to God Source of / all being,
eternal Word and Ho- / ly Spirit.

As it was in the / be-ginning,
is now and will be forever. / Amen.

Gradual Alleluia

*(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)*



Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

Word (Mark 1:14-20)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying:

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

Words of Reflection: Dr. Robert Jones

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Song of Mary

(sung by all)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour
For you Lord have looked with **favour**
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blest**
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.
Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**
And lifting **up** the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good **things**
And sent the rich **away** empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The promise you made to our **forebears**
To Abraham, Sarah, and their **children** for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy Spirit**
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for ever. Amen.

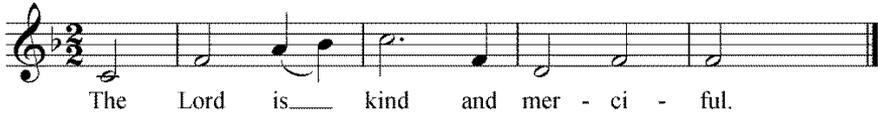
Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Divine Sower, you scatter your seed generously: may we be rich soil and receive your gift so freely given, so that we may revel in love’s abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

The Litany

Refrain *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



Hear our voice this day
and accept our praise and thanksgiving
for the gift of speech and song,
which we on earth share with the heavenly host.

Refrain

Open the ears of our hearts this day,
that all we say and all we sing may reveal
you in us and us in you,
whose body and voice we are in this world.

Refrain

O Holy Spirit, with tongues of fire you have inspired the speech and song
of evangelists, preachers, poets, and musicians.
Visit us this day to kindle anew the fire of love and the light of understanding,
that your church may live in the counterpoint of community.

Refrain

O Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
you are three persons in one God living in harmony.
As your church, our many voices, our many lives,
become one chorus to praise your holy name.

Refrain

Bless our coming together now so that we,
may carry the cross shouldering the sin of the world,
in communion with your saints, to heal, mend and comfort
that we may hear your voice and sing your words this day and always

Refrain

The Lord's Prayer

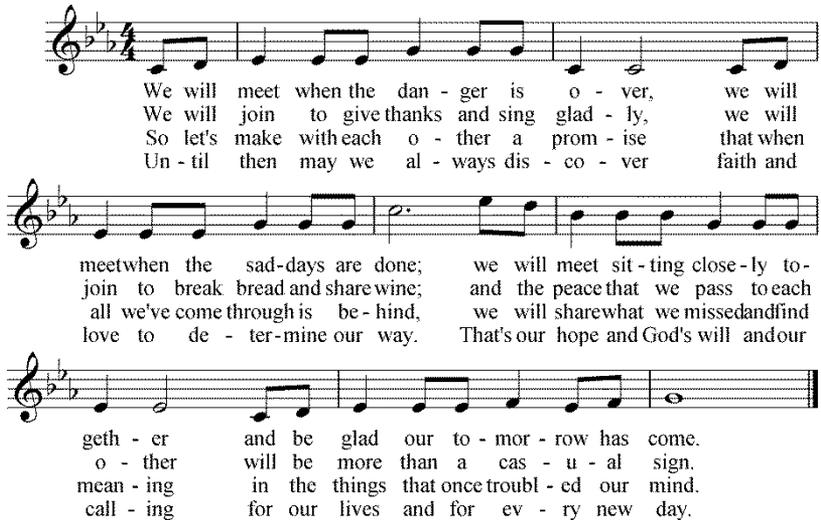
Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 forever. Amen.

Hymn – We Will Meet

Text: John L. Bell based on a Norwegian text by Hans-Olav Mørk, 2020

Music: John L. Bell, 2020



The image shows three staves of musical notation in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the final two lines.

We will meet when the dan - ger is o - ver, we will
We will join to give thanks and sing glad - ly, we will
So let's make with each o - ther a prom - ise that when
Un - til then may we al - ways dis - co - ver faith and

meet when the sad-days are done; we will meet sit - ting close - ly to -
join to break bread and share wine; and the peace that we pass to each
all we've come through is be - hind, we will share what we missed and find
love to de - ter - mine our way. That's our hope and God's will and our

geth - er and be glad our to - mor - row has come.
o - ther will be more than a cas - u - al sign.
mean - ing in the things that once troubl - ed our mind.
call - ing for our lives and for ev - ry new day.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Music – Fix You (Coldplay)

*When you try your best but you don't succeed
When you get what you want but not what you
need*

*When you feel so tired but you can't sleep
Stuck in reverse*

*When the tears come streaming down your face
'Cause you lose something you can't replace
When you love someone but it goes to waste
What could it be worse?*

*Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you*

*But high up above or down below
When you are too in love to let it show
Oh but if you never try, you'll never know
Just what you're worth*

*Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you*

*Tears come streaming down your face
When you lose something you cannot replace
Oh and tears come streaming down your face
And I*

*Tears streaming down your face
I promise you I will learn from all my mistakes
Oh and the tears streaming down your face
And I*

*Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you*

NEXT SUNDAY: EVENING PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 7

Terry DeForest, homilist

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