

SERVICE OF THE WORD

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 16th, 2017

Presider: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

Prelude: Voluntary (W. Croft)

Processional Hymn: #309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

All: **I say to the Lord, "you are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

Presider: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.

All: **In your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Presider: Loving God, who on a day like this, the first day of the week, raised your Son Jesus Christ from death to life, raise us up from the darkness of our sins to praise you with your saints. Send your Spirit upon us that our lives may be renewed in love for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

Remembering that sin damages our relationships, let us bring our lives into the pure light of God that he may cleanse us: If we walk in the light,

All: **as God himself is in the light,**

Presider: we have fellowship with one another,

All: **and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

Presider: Gracious God, we pretend to be good when we are not ... How quick we are to find fault in others.
Lord have mercy

All: **Lord have mercy**

Presider: Merciful Lord, we often turn our backs on those who need us. How slow we are to do good. Christ
have mercy

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Holy God we often place our needs and desires above everything else. How reluctant we are to seek your will.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect: Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm: #65: 9-13 p. 786

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reflection: Dr. Gordon Drake

Anthem: When Morning Comes, I Sing (K. Bowen)

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn during Collection: #446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Prayer over the Gifts:

**All: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and
living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Intercessions

We bring to you, Father God, the needs of all people, for whose salvation you sent your Son, Jesus Christ.

We pray for our Queen and government, and the leaders of all the nations We think of people divided by
national enmity, religious intolerance, or racial or gender prejudice Lord Jesus, where there is
hatred,
let me sow love.

We pray for husbands and wives, parents and children, employers and employees We think of families,
communities and work places where relationships have broken down Lord Jesus, where there is
injury,
Let me sow pardon.

We pray for our bishop Linda, for all who teach the Christian faith, and for the life of our Church We think
of those whose faith is being sorely tested Lord Jesus, where there is doubt

Let me sow faith.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died we think of those who are overshadowed by love or loneliness We pray for all in need We pray for their families and friends, doctors, nurses and caregivers. Lord Jesus, where there is despair.

Let me sow hope.

We think of ourselves, our self-centredness, our faltering attempts to serve you.....

Make us channels of your peace and witnesses of your Kingdom. Amen.

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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 those who 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.

Concluding Prayer: **Lord, be thou a bright flame before me.**
 Be thou a guiding star above me.
 Be thou a smooth path below me.
 Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me.
 Today – tonight – and forever. Amen.

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #502 You Are Salt for the Earth

Postlude: Voluntary (J. Battishill)