

**MORNING PRAYER**  
**ST. BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH**



*A farmer went out to sow...*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**JULY 12, 2020**

Welcome to our service of Morning Prayer. All are welcome, we are glad that you are here. The *people* are invited to join in everything that is in **BOLD** type, while the Presider will speak the plain type.

## **ENTRANCE HYMN:**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith; that we being rooted and grounded in love may have power to comprehend what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge. (Eph. 3:17)

### **THE INVITATORY**

I will bless our God at all times.

**God's praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

O magnify our God with me.

**Let us exalt God's name together.**

**Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,  
and to the Spirit, indwelling;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **THE JUBILATE (*Psalm 100*)**

Worship God in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore.**

**All the earth cries out with joy to you,  
serving you with gladness;  
coming before you, singing for joy.**

**You, Creator of all, are God.**

**You made us, we belong to you.**

**We are your people, the sheep of your flock.**

**We go within your gates, giving thanks,  
entering your courts with songs of praise.**

**We give thanks to you and bless your name.**

**Indeed, how good you are, O God,  
eternal your merciful love.**

**You are faithful from age to age.**

Worship God in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore.**

Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,  
and to the Spirit, indwelling;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*The people sit.*

### Psalm 65:5-14

**Antiphon:   Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation.**

- 5   Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,\*  
      O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6   **You make fast the mountains by your power;\***  
      **they are girded about with might.**
- 7   You still the roaring of the seas,\*  
      the roaring of their waves and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8   **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;\***  
      **you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- 9   You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;\*  
      the river of God is full of water.
- 10   **You prepare the grain,\***  
      **for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11   You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;\*  
      with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12   **You crown the year with your goodness,\***  
      **and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13   May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,\*  
      and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14   **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
      **and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;\***  
      **let them shout for joy and sing.**

**Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,  
and to the Spirit, indwelling:\***

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Antiphon: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of  
our salvation.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

### **Isaiah 55:10-13**

55:10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

55:12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## THE FIRST CANTICLE

### A SONG OF THE NEW CREATION

**ANTIPHON: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

**“I am God, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel whom I have chosen.”  
Thus says God, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
“Remember not the former things,**

**nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I make all thing new,  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
The people whom I form for myself,  
that they might declare my praise.”**

**ANTIPHON: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

### **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

13:2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

13:3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

13:4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

13:5 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.

13:6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

13:7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

13:8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

13:9 Let anyone with ears listen!"

13:18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.

13:19 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.

13:20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

13:21 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.

13:22 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.

13:23 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."

## **THE SECOND CANTICLE**

### **A SONG OF THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM**

**Antiphon: I Wisdom's company do all good things come; those who receive her are friends with God.**

**I prayed and understanding was given me:  
I called upon God and the Spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I preferred her to sceptres and thrones  
And I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.  
I loved her more than health or beauty  
and I chose to have her rather than light,  
because her radiance never ceases.  
In her company, all good things came to me;  
in her hands a wealth of true riches.  
In all the good things, I rejoiced,  
because Wisdom brings them,  
but I did not know that she was their mother,  
What I learned without selfishness,  
I pass on without reserve'  
I do not hide her gifts.  
For Wisdom is an unfailing reassurance for mortals**

**those who receive her are friends with God.**

**Antiphon: I Wisdom's company do all good things come; those who receive her are friends with God.**

## **THE SERMON**

## **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Today as we pray you will hear the words of an ancient hymn by Hildegard of Bingen, a saint of the church.... Please pray with me....

O Holy Spirit, root of life, Creator, cleanser of all things, anoint our wounds, awaken us with the lustrous movement of your wings.

Today we awoke with thanks to another day in your abundant and healing creation  
For abundant harvests, for fair weather, help us to share with all .

We give thanks for people who work as caretakers of our fragile home, the Earth, for the healing of creation, planting trees, cleaning the ocean and rivers, seeding and growing new coral beds, protecting the land and sea and in our own actions help us be healing caretakers also...

We thank you for healing streams that abound with your mercy and grace, teeming in living water.

O Holy Spirit, root of Life.

Eternal Vigour, saving One , you free us by your Living Word becoming flesh to bear our pain and all creation is restored.

You came to show us what God was like and you show us the way, finding the good soil, to make furrows, to plant seeds , to water and nourish it.

We pray for Sowers of the Word, sacraments, and compassion... for Melissa, our archbishop, for Emilie, our priest and pastor, for all ministers and for the church throughout the world, for the on-line presence of the church and for safety and well-being of all as we reopen our holy spaces...

We give thanks for casting seeds of change during this time of the pandemic, Covid 19. We thank you for those working for common ground, for the common good by spreading common grace and nourishing compassion for all, restoring all of creation.

Eternal Vigour, saving One.

O Holy Wisdom, soaring power, encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all, above, below and through the world.

We pray for those needing the healing streams of strength, assurance, comfort and wellness, help us plant seeds of loving kindness in their world and the world around us.

We pray for the recovery groups here at St. Barnabas and everywhere, for the leaders and members that connections remain strong in this time that they can't be together to meet and share.

For refugees and migrants, for their safety and well being ...

We thank you that you draw together those who are working for good, here at St Barnabas , St. Aidins, for the grocery grab & go, for foodshares and food banks...

O Holy Wisdom, soaring power, encompass us with wings unfurled and carry us, encircling all, above, below and through the world. May it be so! Amen!

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **SUFFRAGES**

Show us your mercy, O God;  
**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,  
**Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  
**Amen**

### **COLLECT FOR SUNDAY**

O God,  
**you make us glad  
with the weekly remembrance  
of the glorious resurrection  
of your Son our Lord:  
Give us this day such blessing  
through our worship of you,  
that the week to come may be spent in your favor;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR MISSION** (We pray for our church, especially the members of our community watching from home, or who are unable to attend services)

Loving God,  
**from birth to death,  
you hold us in your hand:  
make us strong to bear each other's burdens  
and humble to share our own,  
that as one family we may rest in your power  
and trust in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**CLOSING**

O the depth of the riches and wisdom of God;  
**How unsearchable are your ways.**

From God and to God are all things;  
**To you be the glory forever. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**In TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Celebrant: Emilie Smith**

**Music: Janet Murray**

**Prayers: Bruce Alexander**

**Reader: Roland Gwan**