

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 24 JULY 2022

# **ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Qui tollis peccata mundi* François Couperin (1668-1733)

#### **HYMN 327**

- 1 Awake, awake: fling off the night! For God has sent his glorious light; and we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.
- 2 Awake and rise, with love renewed, and with the Spirit's power endued. The light of life in us must glow, and fruits of truth and goodness show
- 3 Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows. Before his cross expectant kneel; his light will judge and, judging, heal.
- 4 Awake, and rise up from the dead, and Christ his light on you will shed. Its power will wrong desires destroy, and your whole nature fill with joy.
- 5 Then sing for joy, and use each day; give thanks for everything alway. Lift up your hearts; with one accord praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **GREETING**

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

# **CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

# **ABSOLUTION**

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

Amen.

# **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

#### COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis:

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is

just?' <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' <sup>30</sup> Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' <sup>31</sup> He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' <sup>32</sup> Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**PSALM** Psalm 138

I will give you thanks O Lord with my / whole / heart: even before the / gods · will I / sing your / praises.

I will bow down toward your holy temple \*
and give / thanks to · your / name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness \*
for you have made your name and your / word
su-/-preme · over / all things.

At a time when I called to you you / gave me / answer: and put new / strength with-/-in my / soul.

All the kings of the earth shall / praise you · O / Lord: for they have / heard the / words of · your / mouth;

And they shall sing of the / ways · of the / Lord: that the / glory · of the / Lord is / great.

For though the Lord is exalted he looks up-/-on the / lowly: but he / humbles · the / proud · from a-/-far.

Though I walk in the midst of danger \*
yet will you pre-/-serve my / life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies \*
and / your right / hand shall / save me.

The Lord will complete his / purpose / for me: your loving-kindness O Lord endures for ever \* do not forsake the / work · of your / own / hands.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end./ A-/-men.

# **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Colossians 2:6-19

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on

visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# **GRADUAL HYMN 698**

- 1 King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and, that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
- Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
- Seven whole days, not one in seven,
   I will praise thee;
   in my heart, though not in heaven,
   I can raise thee.
   Small it is, in this poor sort
   to enrol thee:
   e'en eternity's too short
   to extol thee.

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>1</sup> He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' <sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' 5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 81 tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

#### **SILENCE**

#### INTERCESSIONS

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

#### **PEACE**

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### **HYMN 428**

- Body broken for our good, and that body's precious blood: we receive them to our shame, who dishonour Jesus' name. Every day more blood is shed; flesh is broken, left for dead. Where earth's children bleed and die, it is Christ we crucify.
- Yet your love, God, draws us near, though unworthy to be here; we have nothing good to bring, yet you give us everything! Here you give us Christ who died, resurrected, glorified; his humanity, divine, here is ours in bread and wine.
- In communion with this Lord, faith, hope, love are all restored; here is wealth beyond compare, wealth for all the world to share. He reclaims our every breath: all our life and even death cannot be too great a price, to complete his sacrifice.
- 4 Time, with energy and health, talent, poverty or wealth: all are yours, Lord, taken up

in the sign of bread and cup. Though we may be broken too, and our lives poured out for you, make of us the living sign of your love in bread and wine.

#### **EUCHARIST**

Eucharistic Prayer F

The Lord be with you and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [*N* and] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

# **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

#### INVITATION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

The celebrant distributes communion.

#### **HYMN 629**

- 1 Father, hear the prayer we offer: not for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously.
- Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be; but the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly.
- Not for ever by still waters would we idly rest and stay; but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.
- Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work

to your praise and glory. Amen.

# **BLESSING**

The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:

...and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# **HYMN 630**

- Father, Lord of all creation, ground of being, life and love; height and depth beyond description only life in you can prove: you are mortal life's dependence: thought, speech, sight are ours by grace; yours is every hour's existence, sovereign Lord of time and space.
- Jesus Christ, the Man for others we, your people, make our prayer: help us love—as sisters, brothers all whose burdens we can share. Where your name binds us together you, Lord Christ, will surely be; where no selfishness can sever there you love the world may see.
- 3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning wind and flame of Pentecost, fire our hearts afresh with yearning to regain what we have lost. May your love unite our action, never more to speak alone: God, in us abolish faction God, through us your love make known.

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

# **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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Your contributions make a difference, and we are thankful for them.