



23 August 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

9am Matins

HYMN: TIS137 "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

https://youtu.be/TTcJ_SQruhE?t=4

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift divine
To our race so freely given,
Graces all of your design,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the church that evermore,
Lifting holy hands above,
Offers up on every shore
The pure sacrifice of love,
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

Words: Folllott Sandford Pierpoint 1835 – 1917

Music: David Evans 1874 – 1948

**WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
INVOCATION**

OPENING SENTENCES

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will tell of your praise.**

O God, deliver me.

O Lord, be quick to help me.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forevermore.
Amen. Hallelujah!**

SENTENCES OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,
For he is our maker.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

- 1 O come, let us sing to the *Lord*,
let us shout aloud to the rock of *our* salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
let us shout aloud to *him* with songs of praise.
- 3 For the Lord is a great *God*,
and a great King *above* all gods.
- 4 In his hands are the depths of the *earth*;
the heights of the mountains are *his* also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he *made* it,
and his hands *formed* the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow *down*,
let us kneel before the *Lord*, our maker.
- 7 For he is our *God*,
and we are the people of his pasture, *and the *sheep* in his care.
Glory to the Father and the *Son*
and the *Holy Spirit*,
as it was in the beginning, is *now*,
and will be forevermore. Amen.

O come, let us worship the *Lord*, for *he* is our maker.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and merciful God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life.
Help us to follow him
and walk along the way
that leads to eternal life.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Romans 6:1-23
"A new life in a new land" (*Romans 5*)

READINGS

The *first* reading is written [Isaiah 51:1 – 6](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The *second* reading is written in [Romans 6:1-14, 23](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The gospel reading is written in [Matthew 16:13 – 20](#)

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

“Follow the leader”

- * Activity: “FOLLOW THE LEADER”, playing a game of this with the boys and girls present, or chat about a game of this that you have played.

Hi boys and girls,

- * Let’s play a game of “Follow the Leader”.
Well, let’s play “Simon says”. If Simon says it, you do it, and only if Simon tells you to do it....
- * “Who does God want us to follow?” JESUS
- * “What does Jesus tell us to do, and show us to do?”
LOVE the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all you mind
And LOVE your neighbour as you love yourself (Matt. 22:42-40).

CHILDRENS SONG

“Love the Lord (Hey, Hey)”

Colin Buchanan on YouTube https://youtu.be/KFQKI4sV_wg?t=21

RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,
that I may walk in your truth.
Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

HYMN: LH805 “WE ARE HEIRS”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srr2KvQxDrE>

**We are heirs of the Father,
We are joint-heirs with the Son,
We are children of the Kingdom,
We are family,
we are one.**

**We are washed,
we are sanctified,
We are ransomed by his blood;
We are strengthened by the Spirit,
We are children of the Lord.**

**We are members of his body,
We are people whom he loves,
He will change us to be like him
When we see him face to face.**

**We shall live with him for ever,
Men and angels shout and sing.
Free salvation has been given
To the family of the King!**

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SERMON: Romans 6:1-23
“A new life in a new land” (*Romans 5*)

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the message on YouTube

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts
and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you chatted to people who have emigrated from “the old country” to the new country of Australia?
What do they say about life in the old country, compared to life in “the new country”?
2. Think for a while about what life would be like for you if you weren't a Christian living in the new country of God's grace, but instead lived in the old country where “sin is sovereign”? What would life be like for you?
3. The great news of God is that we don't have to live in the squalor of this old country, this old realm, but we can live in the new country of God's mercy and His ongoing forgiveness. How can we leave the old country and journey to this new country? What would you say to a person who wants to make this journey?
4. What is life like in God's new country? What things are great about living in God's new country?
5. If a fellow Christian said to you, “I can do what I like! God is there to forgive me! After all, that's what He has promised to do for me!”, what would you say to him or her?

Paul wrote this chapter of Romans precisely because people were saying this to him. *Read the two halves of Romans chapter 6, namely verses 1-14, and 15-23.*

What reasons does Paul give in these sections as to why continuing to sin is 'not on' for a Christian?

HYMN: LH857 “LOW, THE WAY IS LOW”

<https://youtu.be/a0Kg3GF2k1k>

**Low the way is low,
With the man whom angels praise;
He who spoke the sky
Was a baby dressed in hay:**

***We are companions of
the one whose name is love,
we share his life as we grow.
We carry Jesus' death
with each and every breath –
our hope is high, the way is low***

**See the glory road –
he was tempted by it too.
But he set his course
with Jerusalem in view:**

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OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Amen

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

God enabled Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Let us bring to God our requests for the church and the world, asking him to continue to reveal his love in Christ.

The regular response, OR

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, that it may not despair in times of trouble, knowing that death and hell cannot overcome it
- * for the ministers of the church, that they may use God's authority to forgive sins with wisdom and compassion

- * for those who serve the church with their gifts: those who prophesy, those who serve, those who teach, those who encourage, those who give, those who lead, and those who show compassion
- * for the workforce, professions, trades-people, technicians, trade unions
- * for the persecuted, the victimised, the exploited, those abused, physically and emotionally, victims of crime, those who are confused or misled

Concluding prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, listen to the prayers we bring before you. Lead us to respond to the great love you have shown through your Son by offering ourselves in service to you, so that your love may be seen also through us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others.

Have mercy on us.

In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD FORGIVES

God has shown mercy to you. He gave His only Son to die for you. God has forgiven your sins. For Jesus' sake, He has washed you clean and made your hearts pure. May God's peace be with you always.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

HYMN: LH138 “THE LORD MY GOD BE PRAISED”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nO8i8MIHyNY>

**The Lord my God be praised;
My light, my life from heaven;
My Maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who protects
My life from infancy,
And mighty gifts of love
has e'er bestowed on me.**

**The Lord my God be praised:
My trust, my life from heaven;
The Father's own dear Son,
whose life for me was given;
Who thus atoned for me
With His most precious blood,
Who gives to me by faith
The highest heavenly good.**

**The Lord my God be praised:
My hope, my life from heaven;
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given;
He who revives my heart
And gives me strength and power,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

**The Lord my God be praised:
He who for ever liveth;
To whom the heavenly host
All praise and honour giveth.
The Lord my God be praised,
Whose holy name I boast:
The Father and the Son
And blessed Holy Ghost.**

*Words: Gelobet sei der Herr
Johann Olearius (1611-1684)
Tr August Crull
Music: Based on Lust and Artzneigarten
Regensburg 1675
'Meiningen Gesangbuch' 1693*