

Anglican Church of St Agnes
Ordinary Sunday 27 (Oct 4) 2020



The Stone the Builders Rejected

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matthew 21.42

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of preparation

**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.**

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, your son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: **grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Scripture Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

one day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the end of the earth.

There God has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,

and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens and it traverses the whole sky:

nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

the command of the Lord is true, making the simple wise.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

the commands of the Lord are pure, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are unchanging

and righteous, every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey, honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they master me:

so shall I be clean, and innocent of great offence.

May the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Philippians 3.4b-14

Song 'Sing a new song' (Part 1)

Refrain: ***Sing a new song, sing a new song
and wait upon the promise of the Lord***
(repeat)

1. Creation sings a new song to the Lord
the universal energies rejoice,
through all the magnitudes of space and time
creatures proclaim the grandeur of Christ.
2. The mountains and the valleys and the plains
the cattle and the wild beasts and the birds
the shadows and the clouds, the rain and snow
praise and reflect the bounty of Christ.
3. The ocean deeps, the currents and the tides
the diatoms, the fishes and the whale
the storm, the reef, the waterspout, the calm
praise and reflect the wonder of Christ.

(Repeat refrain)

Gospel Matthew 21.33-46

Homily

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the faithful

The assistant says:

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are offered.

The prayers are concluded with:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry, for all our sins.
Father, forgive us,
strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Greeting of peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Preparation of the table

Offertory prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving 5 with a special preface.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you praise, God of Israel . . .

And so with everyone who believe in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, 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.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine . . .

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven . . .

Breaking of the bread and communion

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

agnus dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us your peace.**

Invitation

Communion

You may share in your own bread and wine at home.

THE MISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prayer after communion

Notices

Song 'Sing a new song' (Part 2)

Refrain: ***Sing a new song, sing a new song
and wait upon the promise of the Lord***
(repeat)

4. The fruit trees in their seasons and the vine
the eucalypt, the cedar and the palm
the lotus and the orchid and the rose
praise and reflect the beauty of Christ.
5. The human eye, the shaping hand, the mind
with number and with symbol and design
in work and play and artistry and prayer
praise and reflect the wisdom of Christ.
6. The love of man and woman clear as dawn
The will for truth and justice broad as day
the wisdom of the heart profound as night
praise and reflect the glory of Christ.

(Repeat refrain)

Blessing and dismissal

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

As you go from this gathering for worship . . .

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Chat

Please do stay with us for a catch-up.

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