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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 12 July 2020
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner, leads the service.

Rosie Vinter, Assitant Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Prelude on 'St Peter'

Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

Silence is kept.

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Canon Karen continues with words of welcome.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

The psalmist cried long ago:
'I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow.'
Psalm 88.8–9

You may be living in our locked-down city,
you may be outside the red line,
but we can all know what it means to be held captive
by feelings of guilt, regret or dis-ease.
Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted and to set the captives free.
Let us come to him now in honesty and openness with all that binds us fast,
to ask for the freedom of his forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

God of Life, you parted the heavens and came down to our world;
seek us where we are today.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Risen Jesus, you appeared to your disciples behind locked doors;
find us across the barriers we put up today.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you have the power to bind and to release;
untie all that binds our hearts and lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The First Reading

Romans 8.1–11

Read by Luke Mabodoko

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

Read by Livvy Burgess

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 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. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 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. 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. 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.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan, Canon Chancellor and DDO

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Pastorale from Symphony No. I in D minor (excerpt)

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Voices from the Choir

Thoughts from those singers who are moving on this year.

Neill Addison leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with The 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.**

The Hymn

**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our agelong seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

**Word of goodness, truth and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**

**Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**

**Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.**

SUSSEX (AM387)
English traditional melody
adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902–1983)

The Blessing and Dismissal

You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
surround you and those with whom you watch and wait
this day and always.
Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Tocatta in D minor 'The Dorian' BWV538i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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