

Sunday 23 July 2017

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Processional Hymn

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Words and Music: Richard Gillard (adapted) © 1977 Scripture in Song

Collect

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

Isaiah 44. 6-8 (OT p.683)

Psalm 86 vv11-end

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord

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Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will / walk in . your / truth;

knit my heart to you, that I may / fear your / name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with / all my / heart,

and glorify your name for / e-ver / more;

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord

For great is your steadfast love towards me,

*for you have delivered my soul from the depths /of the / grave.

o God, the proud rise up against me

and a ruthless horde seek / after. my / life;

they have not set you be- / fore their / eyes.

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,

* slow to anger and full of / kindness. and /truth.

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord

Turn to me and have mercy / u-pon / me:

give your strength to your servant and save the /child of. your / handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour,

that those who hate me may see it and / be a-/shamed;

because you, O Lord, have helped and / comfor- ted / me.

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord

New Testament Reading

Romans 8. 12-25 (NT p.153)

Gradual Hymn

1. Lord, thy Word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2. When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3. When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth
and our way protecteth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

5. Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6. O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

Words: Henry Williams Baker

Tune: RAVENSHAW

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43 (NT p.14)

Offertory Hymn

1. 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
sov'reign Lord of time and space.

2. 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 your love may others 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,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Words: Stewart Cross (1928 - 1989)

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

During Communion the visiting choir: Voces Seraphorum sings For the beauty of the earth by Philip Stopford.

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Recessional Hymn.

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.
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how great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

Words: Russian hymn tr. Stuart K. Hine (1899 - 1999)

Music: HOW GREAT THOU ART, Stuart K. Hine