TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2020
PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19

HYMN – Hymn of Faith (1 & 4)

    To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
    Before thine altar, Father.
    Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
    This supplication answer.
    Lift up from want Thy people, Lord;
    Bless us, O God, O Father, bless our toil!

    Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
    To serve Thee with devotion;
    Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
    Or humble resignation.
    For we Thy people are, O Lord;
    Save us, O God, O Father, bless our Toil!

In the name of the ☩ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
R. I rejoiced when they said to me, “Let us go up to the house of the Lord.” And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.      Christ, have mercy.      Lord, have mercy.
THE GLORIA

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 sins 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.

OPENING PRAYER

Most gracious Father, You gather us from the four corners of the earth through Your holy Word. Open the closed ears of those who wander that they may hear Your Word which alone brings peace. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to Him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming His servants – all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?
For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

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

**ALLELUIA VERSE:** Isaiah 45:22

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God; there is no other!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus’ disciples came and asked him, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” He said in reply, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

**REFLECTION** – *from The Word Among Us*

*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)*

All of today’s readings tell us that God’s salvation is meant for everyone. The prophet Isaiah speaks of foreigners who will join themselves to the Lord (56:6). The psalmist declares, “May the peoples praise you, O God” (Psalm 67:6). Jesus praises a Canaanite woman’s faith (Matthew 15:28). And Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, proclaims that God wants to “have mercy upon all” (Romans 11:32).

For the Jewish people in today’s first reading, this must have been difficult to accept. They had just returned from exile to discover foreigners living in their holy city, Jerusalem. Their covenant told them that they were set apart as a holy people chosen by God. So how could “impure” Gentiles be living on their land? They forgot that God had chosen them by his grace, not just for their own sake, but to bring his light to every nation.

This call became increasingly clear in the early Church. Initially, all of Jesus’ followers were Jewish. But as Gentiles came to believe in the Lord, the Jewish Christians began to understand that God’s plan of salvation was far bigger than they had expected. Learning to live and work and pray alongside Gentiles could not have been easy. But they, like us, had to allow God’s grace to help them love each other. The result? The diverse, beautiful, sometimes messy Church we know today.
Jesus wants his Church to be a house of prayer for all nations so that every person can belong to his family. He sees people who are searching for hope, meaning, and a place to meet God, and he is asking us to draw them in, to be the loving, welcoming face of the Church. May we always be open to everyone who is seeking the Lord, and through us, may God’s grace flow out to the entire world!

“Jesus, help me to show everyone the love that you have given me.”

(A few moments for silent reflection)

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

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

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, accept this sacrifice for the salvation of Your people. May it empower the witness of Your Church that those who go astray may be gathered in. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. R. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself...
with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my 
Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE  Matthew 8:11

I say to you, many will come from the east to the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and 
Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your Gospel reaches to the ends of the earth and those who receive it are gathered 
into Your Kingdom. For us who shared Your Table, and have been grafted to Your holy vine, 
may it always be Good News indeed. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray.
I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and 
our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, 
strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be 
sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all people. By their belief and trust in You may 
they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our 
people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace 
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANGELUS – asking the Intercession of our Blessed Mother

V.  The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R.  And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
    Hail Mary …
V.  Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R.  Be it done unto me according to your word.
    Hail Mary…
V.  And the Word was made Flesh.
R.  And dwelt among us.
    Hail Mary …
V.  Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R.  That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.
O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of 
Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be 
brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. 
Amen.

In the name of the * Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
CLOSING HYMN *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (1 & 4)

Holy God, we praise Thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav’n above adore Thee:
Boundless is Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: Three we name Thee,
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring, bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.

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