



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 2021, 10:30AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Clair de Lune (performed by Isabella)

C. Debussy

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Greeting

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

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.**

Hymn: Let There Be Light

CP #572

Let there be light, let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
Open the door of concord opening into grace;

Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
Perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,
Thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;

Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap

calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 125

Tune: Eventide (CP #24)

Those who trust God are like the mount of Zion,
Which can't be moved; forever it shall stand.
As mountains high surround Jerusalem,
God evermore encompasses his own.

For evil's power shall not rule in the land
Which is allotted to God's righteous ones,
So righteous ones will not do what is wrong.
Do good, O Lord, to those who do what's good.

Do good to those who are upright in heart.
But those who turn and follow crooked ways
God leads away with all who evil do.
May peace forever be on Israel!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Trad. Sri Lankan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

'Saranam, Saranam'
Trad. Sri Lanka

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. PJ

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Musical Reflection: Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

An Affirmation of Faith

Presider: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

All: Lord the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People: 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 Blessing

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Hungarian Rhapsody, op. 68 (from "Spring Joy" Concert)

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