Pilgrim Service Trinity 13, Proper 18, Yr A, 6/9/20

On screen before service:

*Today we are going to think about what it means to be a community. We will have different views, and we will not always agree, but by listening to one another, trying to find agreement, and accepting each other when we can’t, we will discover the presence of Jesus in our midst.*

**Hymn** **Come on and Celebrate**

**Come on and celebrate  
His gift of love, we will celebrate  
The Son of God who loved us  
And gave us life  
We'll shout Your praise, O King  
You give us joy nothing else can bring  
We'll give to You our offering  
In celebration praise  
  
Come on and celebrate  
Celebrate  
Celebrate and sing  
Celebrate and sing to the King**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

O Lord our God,   
we sometimes tremble as we think of who we are and who you are.   
Bring us now, in this moment, to know you.   
See us as we are, and see our yearning to be more like you.   
May we lay aside anything that hinders our journey with you,   
and with our friends and neighbours.   
**Amen.**

**Confession:**

**We ask your forgiveness, loving God,   
for those times when we have been stubborn   
in our refusal to hear the counsel of others;   
for the times when we have not given others   
due time to work through their grievances;   
for the times when we want to oust those   
we don’t agree with.   
Forgive us and bless us with grace,   
generosity and openness in Jesus’ name.   
Amen.**

**Absolution**

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive *you your* sins

and make *you* holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sing the Peruvian* **Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

*We pray the special prayer for today, the* **Collect**

Almighty God, you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,

now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading** Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address**

**The Creed**

*We stand to reaffirm our faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,** **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.   
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Loving God, you have made us for peace and for friendship,   
but everywhere we see conflict and dissension.  
Fill our hearts with a deep desire for peace,   
and inspire us to work for a fair world   
where all are respected and your peaceful justice reigns.

God of life, **grant us peace.**

Teach us to value our communities over our own victories.  
Let being seen to be right be less important to us than the healing of rifts.  
Let ‘saving face’ be of less value to us  
than the saving grace of reconciliation.

God of life, **grant us peace.**  
Help us to put aside personal allegiances  
for the sake of building stronger communities.  
Teach us to listen, and to be aware of what may be unsaid.  
Remind us to carry Christ with us into difficult conversations,  
to set aside our own agendas,  
to be open to the healing work of your Holy Spirit  
and to set no bar or hindrance where you would have us work for peace.

God of life, **grant us peace.**

In Christ Jesus you declared the peacemakers would be blessed.  
Inspire us to work for peace in all our relationships.

God of life, **grant us peace.**

In Christ Jesus you returned violence with peace.  
Instil in all our lawmakers a love of peace.  
Today we pray for all whose lives are damaged by violence:  
for the abused and the abuser, for the attacker and the victim.  
Comfort those who suffer. Change those who inflict suffering upon others,  
turn their hearts from anger and from pride:  
fill them with sorrow for what they have done.  
Turn their hearts, and fill them with a longing for peace.

God of life, **grant us peace.**

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

***Commissioning those going (back) to school / college / university***

Bless all pupils, students, teachers, teaching assistants and cleaners and other school staff at the beginning of this school year. For some of them it has been a long time since they were last in school. For all of them it will bring new challenges and opportunities. It will feel different to other years. Be with them as they go back to school or university or as they go for the first time. Guide them in the ways of justice and truth and when they are in new places and with new people, help them to remember that you have written their names on the palm of your hand. Let them always know that they are your children in the world, we ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory hymn – Make me a channel of your peace**

*Make me a channel of your peace*

*Where there is hatred let me bring your love*

*Where there is injury your pardon Lord*

*And where there’s doubt true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace*

*Where there’s despair in life let me bring hope*

*Where there is darkness only light*

*And where there’s sadness ever joy.*

*O Master grant that I may never seek*

*So much to be consoled as to console*

*To be understood as to understand*

*To be loved as to love with all my soul*

*Make me a channel of your peace*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned*

*In giving of ourselves, that we receive*

*And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.*

**Prayers at the Preparation of the Table**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross**

**and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread,

and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**

**his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**

**his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy

**Holy, holy, holy**

God of power and might,

**God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus, Lamb of God

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world

**Grant us your peace, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Quiet Music: Christ be our light (longing for light)**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

As you have heard Christ’s words, go and be Christ’s people.   
Listen, encourage, reconcile.   
And be strengthened in all your doing and all your being   
by the power of the Living God

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn – Teach me to dance**

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart  
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit  
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

Teach me to love with your heart of compassion  
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise  
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth  
In you is joy without measure. So, like a child in your sight  
I dance to see your delight For I was made for your pleasure, pleasure

Let all my movements express, a heart that loves to say 'yes'  
A will that leaps to obey you. Let all my energy blaze  
To see the joy in your face, let my whole being praise you, praise you.