

Pentecost Season July 19th 2020

Led by Fiona Bennett & Laurence Wareing

Gathering & Welcome

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here; the transforming flame of God is amongst us;
Warming our imaginations with vision
Refining our hearts with hope
Forging the shape of our world with justice and joy
ALL: Sprit of God, with all that is in us, we raise our voices to praise you...

Hymn: Blest are they... StF 245

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
They shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
They shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs.
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!
David Haas

Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

ALL: Above and below (*hands - up to down*)
Within and beyond (*hands - from stomach to outstretched*)
The Spirit of God is at work.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus prayer or Lord's prayer...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of all,
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of
Justice and Love
sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed
us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Time for all ages: Salt by the sea

Short Song: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
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Taizé Community

Reading: Matthew 5:1-16 read by Karl Macrae

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely[b] on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Sermon by Laurence Wareing

Music for Reflection by Mike Holroyd

Offering & Dedication

Communion

Song: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

Song: This is the body of Christ

This is the body of Christ
Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,

Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

Song: God Bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread;
And give bread to all those who are hungry,
And hunger for justice to all who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

Closing Response

Presider: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.
ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Hymn: Praise to the God

Praise to the God who clears the way
Preparing room and space;
For power and pride will lose their sway
As peace comes in their place.

Praise to the God who comes to judge
The truth of word and deed,
Who calls our minds and wills to change,
Rebuking wealth and greed.

Praise to the God who waits with us
For hope and joy to reign,
Who share our suffering and our loss,
Embodied in our pain.

Praise to the God who comes to bring
Comfort to all who mourn.
The whole creation "Glory" sing
As Christ the light is born.

Jan Berry

Blessing

Sung Amen