



The Anglican Church in the Pas-de-Calais



Morning Prayer 13th June 2021
Trinity 2 - Proper 6B

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Greetings: Good morning church. Welcome to our service of the second Sunday after Trinity. We have reverted to the liturgical colour of green: so green slides for the coming weeks. It's also known as ordinary time. Today we reflect on how God can take something small in the eyes of the world and turn it into something great. So let's take a moment or two to gather our scattered thoughts and focus on why we have joined together here and invite the Holy Spirit to join us in this place of worship.

Pause or play reflective music

Call to Worship:

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise night and day:

The kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

The kingdom of God is growing, its large branches offer sanctuary to all people.

First Hymn: God is working his purpose out

1 God is working this purpose out,
as year succeeds to year;
God is working this purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be:
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

2 From utmost east to utmost west,
where human feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God:
"Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,

that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.”

3 All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed.
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed.
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Confession:

Gracious God,

We so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

Captivated by power and prestige,

we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.

Forgive us when we fail to notice where and how you work your purpose out.

Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes – fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;

Beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;

Building walls to keep people out when your branches reach out generously to offer nests to all.

Help us to grow in love and faithfulness, that we reach our full height of faith in you.

In Jesus's name we ask it,

Amen

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. We are forgiven – thanks be to God

All: Thanks be to God

Readings

Old Testament – 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a

heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. NRSV

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 20

20:1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

New Testament reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! NRSV

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

Leader: GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 4: 26-34.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Third Hymn:

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks
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Leader: Reflections on the scriptures

Fourth Hymn

Take, O Take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me

The Creed

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say together...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Intercession Prayers

We begin our prayers today with Psalm 67:2-3
May your ways be known throughout the earth.
Your saving power among people everywhere.
May the nations praise you, O God.
Yes, may all the nations praise you. amen

Heavenly Father, God of all creation, we ask you to heal our broken world and its peoples. We pray for peace, unity and equality. Just as the early Church lived in one heart and mind; and shared everything they had, may we too in this Chaplaincy be always mindful of the needs of others less fortunate and always welcome the newcomer into our midst.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God We give thanks for Queen Elizabeth; and the joy of a new baby girl Lilibet Dianna into the royal family. Let her bring love and reconciliation.

We pray that all world leaders would know you and make Jesus Christ their ultimate model of leadership, so they would lead and care for their own people in such a way that peace might abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

God of compassion and justice; We are told that there are more slaves in the world today than ever before in human history., we ask you to intervene today. Protect and comfort those who are in some form of slavery and give law enforcement teams and lawyers everything they need to expose and close down organisations that profit from the buying and selling of human beings.

We pray for people living in poverty and hopelessness, without medical assistance, nourishing food or clean water. Those fleeing in great distress from war zones in fear of their lives. Merciful Father, send your angels to help them; and protect those volunteers who courageously put their own lives at risk in doing so.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we continue to pray for all front line workers in the battle to help those who have contracted the Coronavirus. We give thanks for their dedication and we pray for their protection.

Loving God, we pray for those who do not know your peace and for those who are struggling with their lives in these worrying times. We ask for your healing for those who are sick in body or mind: your strength for those who are tired; and your love for those who live with despair and fear.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Divine healer, we pray silently in our hearts for all who are sick in our families and in our Chaplaincy; and we ask for their complete recovery.

Please unmute for a second to name those requesting prayer now.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for all the thousands of nameless souls in this world that have died from the Coronavirus. Jesus said,

“In my Father's house there are many rooms”

May they be there with you now and rest in eternal peace. May their loved ones be comforted by Your presence.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, We remember those in our community who've lost a loved one or a friend. Holy Spirit, be with them and guide them daily through their grief and loneliness.

Dear Lord, we especially pray today for Your faithful servant the Rev. John Porter, who died peacefully on Wednesday 9th June; and is at rest with you now in his eternal home. We ask for comfort and peace for his wife and family in their sorrow.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God of wisdom; In Luke 7 Jesus saved a sinful woman because of her love and faith in him, we ask that You give us the grace to share our love and faith in You, to others.

We finish with a prayer from Lectio 356

Father, help us to live this week to the full, being true to You, in every way.

Jesus, help us to give ourselves away to others, being kind to everyone we meet.

Spirit, help us to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all we do and say. amen

Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Fifth Hymn -

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you
Work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the Depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never earn
There are tables spread, ev'ry
Mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember
Who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that out forebears
Heard is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be
Crushed by God
Who is turning the world around

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears

For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!
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Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Sending Out

LIVING ONE, Creator and Lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day, and our life together in you. Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage. Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the Spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world, in the name of Jesus, your true and well-beloved. Amen.

Let us go in peace and bless the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.