



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 7th October 2018

Pentecost 20
COCU59B

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

COMMUNION SETTING Short Service Thomas Tallis c 1505-1585

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible and sit for the Introit

INTROIT I was glad C.H.H. Parry 1848-1918

HYMN 543 O Praise ye the Lord!

GREETING AND WELCOME

Eco-award Presentation by Jessica Morthorpe.

Welcome to this place:

where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

Welcome whether you are here often or visiting for the first time!



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Those who wish to do so may share a sign of peace with those immediately around them using words such as 'God's Peace be with you / and also with you'. Please respect those who wish to use the time for quiet contemplation.

Today is World Communion Sunday, celebrated around the world on the first Sunday in October. The day has taken on a new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalisation often has undermined peace and justice - and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day, we celebrate our oneness in Christ, whom we know as the Prince of Peace, who calls us to serve in the midst of a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of the past who has nurtured us: **we are here to thank you.**
God of the future who is always ahead of us: **we are here to trust you.**
God of the present here in our midst: **we are here to praise you.**
God of life beyond us, within us: **we rejoice in your glorious love.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we celebrate your generosity. Forgive us when we forget the gift in every breath, the care that sustains our every moment, the grace that can transform our every day. Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, resentful spirits. Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity, and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores. **Amen.**

A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves.

KYRIE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you;
the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The children will leave at this time for special activities in the Lounge. All are welcome.

Presiding Minister
Scripture Reader
Organist & Choir Director
The Choir of Pilgrim Church
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Rev Sandy Boyce
John Pope
Peter Kelsall

Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge after the service.

Sir Hubert Parry 27/2/1848-7/10/1918

Today is the 100th Anniversary of the death of Sir Hubert Parry, one of the significant English composers from the Victorian era. He studied at Eton College and Oxford University and, following his graduation, worked at Lloyds Insurers while composing music in his spare time. Later, he was appointed Head of the Royal College of Music where his pupils included Vaughan Williams, Holst and Ireland. He wrote extensively for the Anglican church and one of his triumphs was the anthem "I was glad", a setting of Psalm 122 which was written as the entrance anthem for the coronation of King Edward VII and has been used at the coronations of subsequent monarchs. It was also used at the weddings of Prince Charles and Princess Diana and William and Catherine.

The Psalm chant, hymns and Postlude for this morning's service were all composed by Parry, and, of course Jerusalem has been part of the Last Night of the Proms in Albert Hall for many years. Parry left a legacy of both wonderful church music and secular music. We honour his memory.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward in a double line down the centre aisle to receive the elements, and return by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please indicate to the ushers who will arrange for communion to be brought to you. There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the glasses. Each server also has gluten free wafers. Please place empty glasses in the baskets.

COMMUNION MOTET Ave verum corpus
Philip Stopford b. 1977

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the welcome we have received at this table be the welcome we extend to others. May the grace we have received at this table be the grace known by all in need. May the wholeness we find in Christ be the wholeness found by those diminished by the struggle. May your peace prevail in all things, everywhere. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 353 And did those feet in ancient time

WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Happy are those who know they are forgiven! Go out with a light heart and fresh with hope, knowing that God's love surrounds you, covers you with grace and strengthens you to meet all challenges to your true nature. God be with you, not as judge but as light and guide. Christ be with you, the free gift of grace. Spirit be with you, to lead you not into temptation but towards the abundant life that is your inheritance, children of the living God. **Amen.**

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on 'St Anne' C.H.H. Parry

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your word anew, O God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26

- 1 Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
- 2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me try out my reins and my heart.
- 3 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes
and I will walk in thy truth.
- 4 I have not dwelt with vain persons
neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked
and will not sit among the ungodly.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord
and so will I go to thine altar;
- 7 That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving
and tell of all thy wondrous works.
- 8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house
and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
- 9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners
nor my life with the blood-thirsty;
- 10 In whose hands is wickedness and their right hand is full of gifts,
- 11 But as for me, I will walk innocently
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
- 12 My foot standeth right I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be
world without / end. A / - / men.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

In this is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for and face the gospel.

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord.

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 2-16

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN 291 Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 411 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.
Remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our gifts, O God. May they join with those around the world, as they spread outwards towards those who long and wait for love and justice. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Lord God, ever-present, ever caring, you are always with us. Closer than a friend in times of trouble. Our shelter in the midst of disasters and storms. Your love embraces and comforts us. Lord God, in this time of drought and storm, quakes, floods and tsunami, be with all who are vulnerable. Guide emergency workers and those who put their lives at risk to help, and with all who reach out to neighbours with love and compassion. Lord God, go before, and behind, be beside and above. May all find shelter in the embrace of your love.

(Christine Sine, Godspacelight)

We pray for ourselves and those we love (*a silence is held*)

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*printed inside cover of hymn book*)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our brothers and sisters from above and below the equator, from every time zone around the world. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome!

THE INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **We open our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In beginning, Imaginative God, you brought creation into being, subjecting chaos to your will. You breathed hope into all creation. You spoke to our ancestors, inviting them to walk in your integrity, but their hearts became hardened by the sweet words of seduction. In your steadfast love, Jesus came to be amongst us, so that we might receive your kingdom of peace and redemption as your children. So, with those who gather around tables of peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with you in glory, we offer our praises with glad songs:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

THE CONSECRATION

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbours near and far. Bless this bread, that it may be the life of Christ within us. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people around the world. Bless this cup that it may be the life of Christ within us. Bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, they are gifts to us of God's presence. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and our world, united in the one body of Christ. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI