



May 22, 2022: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude

Organ Suite No.2 in G minor: Flutes

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

Opening Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Tune: *Hymn to Joy*

Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

A Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 87-88

The Psalm is reading responsively breaking at the asterisk ().*

1 O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth its increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 O God, give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Gospel

John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Offertory Anthem

Jesus, the very thought of Thee

Robert Wetzler (b. 1932)

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind! Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be thou our glory now, and thru eternity.

Solo: Mark Anderson, baritone

Music During Communion

Eat this bread; drink this cup

Music from Taizé

Closing Hymn 583

O holy city, seen of John

Tune: Morning Song

Organ Postlude

Organ Suite No.2 in G minor: Caprice

L-N Clérambault

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of Barbara & Robert McCabe and Lillian & Ernest H. Gould given by The McCabe Family.

Your prayers are requested for Fran M., Mary S., Kathryn and family, Kim F., Eva and her family, Priscilla T., Kenna C., Pat H., Sam, Elizabeth, Sunrise, Michael G., Janet, Bill C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, Bill E., Ann, Linda F., Ellen, Gavin, Nancy, Sara, and Mike. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Diocese of Calcutta – The (united) Church of North India, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; Jennifer, Pastor at MANNA; Nick, our priest, and Lauren, our sabbatical priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery: Grace Church, Lawrence; Esperanza Academy, Lawrence; St. Anne's Church, Lowell; St. John's Church, Lowell; and Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregational Church of Needham and the Needham Police Department.

THOSE WHO SERVE

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Coffee Hour: Dusty Hecker and Gwen Scarborough

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