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MORNING PRAYER (BAS)

**16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, September 25th, 2022**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry."

Community of the Cross of Nails /Growing together in hope
We are a worldwide network of some 250 churches, charities, chaplaincies, peace-building and retreat centres, schools and other educational and training organisations, all inspired by the Coventry story of destruction, rebuilding and renewal, and active in reconciliation in our own ways.

Our partners

Our three guiding principles are Healing the wounds of history, Learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity, and Building a culture of peace. We are guided by the words 'Loving God Forgive', and we pray the Litany of Reconciliation on a regular basis.

MORNING PRAYER

Officiant: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell
Organist: Karl-Frederic Bolte

Opening Hymn: #533 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul {Tune: Aberystwyth}

Sentence: **You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.**
[2 Corinthians 8.9]

The service resumes on Page 47 of the BAS [Green book]

The Invitatory for Pentecost: [pg. 48]

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.

Jubilate: [Psalm 100] [pg. 49]

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: Claude Dubois

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 146 found on Pg. 905 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end

Today's first reading is taken from God Has a Dream, 20 and 23-24

{*Tutu: The Authorised Portrait, 47*}

Listen now for the word of God.....

In God's family, there are no outsiders. All are insiders. Black and white, rich and poor, gay and straight, Jew and Arab, Palestinian and Israeli, Roman Catholic and Protestant,...Hutu and Tutsi, Muslim and Christian, Buddhist and Hindu, all belong. Jesus said, 'I, if I be lifted up, will draw all to me.' Not some, but all. And it is a radical thing that Jesus says that we are members of one family. We belong. God says, All, all are My children. It is shocking. It is radical.

Members of a family have a gentle caring and compassion for one another. How I pray that we will open our eyes and see the real, true identity of each one of us, that this one is not a white or black, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, or Jew, but a brother, a sister, and treat each other as such. If we could but recognize our common humanity, that we do belong together, that our destinies are bound up in one another's, that we can be free only together, that we can survive only together, that we can be human only together, then a glorious world would come into being where all of us lived harmoniously together as members of one family, the human family, God's family. In truth a transfiguration would take place. God's dream would become a reality.

[Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

This morning's second reading is taken from God Has a Dream, 44-58;

{Tutu: The Authorised Portrait, 47}

Listen now for the Word of God....

How do we embrace our enemies? How do we get rid of the hatchet forever instead of just burying it for a time and digging it up later? True enduring peace—between countries, within a country, within a community, within a family—requires real reconciliation between former enemies and even between loved ones who have struggled with one another.

True reconciliation is based on forgiveness, and forgiveness is based on true confession, and confession is based on penitence, on contrition, on sorrow for what you have done. We know that when a husband and wife have quarreled, one of them must be ready to say the most difficult words in any language, 'I'm sorry,' and the other must be ready to forgive for there to be a future for their relationship. This is true between parents and children, between siblings, between neighbors, and between friends.

We have had a jurisprudence . . . in Africa that was not retributive but restorative. When people quarreled the main intention was not to punish the miscreant but to restore good relations. For Africa is concerned, or has traditionally been concerned, about the wholeness of relationship. That is something we need in our world, a world that is polarized, a world that is fragmented, a world that destroys people. It is also something we need in our families and friendships, for restoration heals and makes whole while retribution only wounds and divides us from one another.

Only together, hand in hand, as God's family and not as one another's enemy, can we ever hope to end the vicious cycle of revenge and retribution. This is the only hope for us and for making God's dream a reality. Because God truly only has us. There is no future without forgiveness. [Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.....

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gradual Hymn:#649 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God {Tune: Trentham}

Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, in the 16th Chapter, beginning at the nineteenth verse. [Luke 16:19-31]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed: Page 52

Prayers of the People

Claude Dubois

LITANY OF RECONCILIATION (response: **Loving God, forgive**)

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Loving God, forgive

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

Loving God, forgive

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Loving God, forgive

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Loving God, forgive

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

PRAYERS

In peace we pray to our loving God: God of Creation, we pray for peoples and nations of our fragile and beautiful planet. Where your nations are at war, guide our hearts to peace. Where your people are in distress, use our hands to bring comfort. Where your

creation is in peril, enlighten our minds with new solutions. Lord, make us instruments of your peace

People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

God of Forgiveness, we pray for all we injure and for all who injure us, especially our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ron and Gary Agley, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, Ian McGregor, Denise Dubois, Betty Cunningham, The McConnell family, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil and Joe Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Michel Hamel. In the wider community we pray for Andy's Dad George O'Donnell and Andy's cousin Jeff Hovey, Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Jerry Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Kevin, Linda Gillis Johns and Ann Barton. We brought nothing into the world, and everything we have comes from your hand: Hear our prayers of gratitude and thanks, O God, especially for Marion Young on her recovery from open heart surgery. When we breathe our last we return to earth and in that day our thoughts perish: Let your angels carry to Abraham those who have died, as we remember especially Nicholas Payne. Please keep Christopher Payne and family in your prayers. A celebration of Nicholas' life will be held at a later date. When we are heartless, give us compassion. When we hurt others, call us to repent. When we are hurt, heal us and make us whole. Lord, make us instruments of your peace

People: Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

God of the Prophets, you raise up wise and courageous people to lead the way of Christ's Love. Strengthen those who seek and serve Christ in all persons. Encourage those who strive for justice and reconciliation among all people and in all creation. Lord, make us instruments of your peace

People: Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

God of Abundance, your bounty is for everyone and yet many suffer. For those who struggle to feed their families, provide enough and more. For those oppressed because of their gender or sexual identity, give grace and strength. For those who cannot imagine a way forward, grant hope and new possibilities. Lord, make us instruments of your peace

People: Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay readers in the Diocese. We also pray for St. George's, Chateauguay, the Rev. Nicholas Forte. In the world we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, and for the Diocese of

Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayers.**

Offertory Hymn: #503 – Fight the Good Fight with All thy Might {Tune: Pentecost}

Offertory Prayer

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Dismissal/Blessing:

May God the Creator bless us and keep us. May Christ our beloved companion face us and have mercy on us. May the eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to us and give us peace. May the Three in One bless us. Amen

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Birthdays this Week

Thomas O'Donnell – Sept. 26th

Rev'd Andy O'Donnell – Sept. 29th

**"Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,
May God's many blessings, Keep falling on you"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Closing Hymn: #502 – You Are Salt for the Earth {Tune: Bring Forth the Kingdom}

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Pat McGregor

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