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Morning Prayer – July 5, 2020 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Who Is This Man? Worth a Thousand Words

Always the same! It is this which gives such value to the Gospels in which our Lord's history is told. We are not reading there the life and sayings of one fickle and changeable like ourselves—but the life and sayings of a Redeemer who is now what He was then. We tell you confidently that all that love and gentleness and compassion and long-suffering and tenderheartedness which you may there see in your Lord and Savior's character, are placed before you that you may understand the character of Him from whom alone we receive forgiveness and to whom alone your prayer must be made, and we say this because we know He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- J. C. Ryle, The Unchanging Christ

Most of our brother Christians showed unbounded love and loyalty, never sparing themselves and thinking only of one another. Heedless of danger, they took charge of the sick, attending to their every need and ministering to them in Christ, and with them departed this life serenely happy; for they were infected by others with the disease, drawing on themselves the sickness of their neighbors and cheerfully accepting their pains. Many, in nursing and curing others, transferred their death to themselves and died in their stead.

 Bishop Dionysius, Easter letter (written at the height of the second great epidemic, around 260)

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Christ Church NYC is a community of Christians committed to glorifying God, glorying in God, and serving the city through our worship, our life together, and our gospel mission.

A Pastoral Note —

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This worship bulletin has been put together for you during this time that our public worship gatherings have been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As you meet with your family, roommates, neighbors in your building, other members of CCNYC, or just by yourself, I hope it will be of help to you as you seek to worship and draw near to the Lord.

Though worship in the home and among families is not intended to and can never replace the corporate gathering of the whole congregation, it is nonetheless a good practice for all of us to develop. If you are not accustomed to doing 'family worship' it may seem odd at first, but I want to encourage you to keep pressing forward with it. As you do so, remember that it need not be complicated. The essence of family worship consists simply in singing, praying, and studying God's Word together.

As we meet in our various homes and in small groups scattered throughout the city and region, please know that I am praying for all of you and longing to be meeting with you in person. In fact, I pray that our love and desire for meeting together will be strengthened because of this absence. What a sweet time of fellowship it will be when the Lord once again allows us to be together in person to worship Him!

Your pastor, Keith

"The more we worship God in secret, the fitter shall we be for family worship, and the more we worship God in our families, the fitter shall we be for public worship." – Rev. John Angier (1605-1677)

Reflection

A quiet moment to prepare our hearts

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 *Corinthians 5:21*)

A period of silence is kept.

O Lord, open our lips;

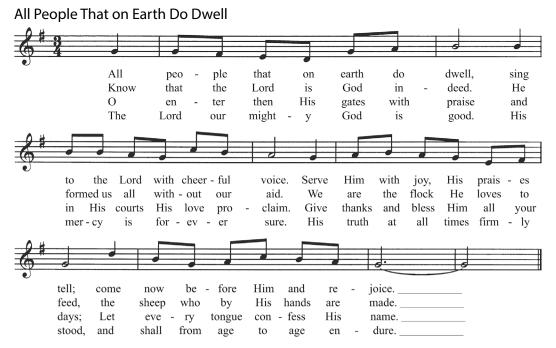
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!



Words: William Kethe, 1561; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551 CCLI 2361806

Confession

After a brief silence for reflection, all reply saying the words in bold.

Most merciful Father, we humbly admit that we need your help.

We confess that we have wandered from your way like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have failed to do what is right.

You alone can save us.

Have mercy upon us, Lord;

wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.

Turn our hearts to love and obey you.

Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

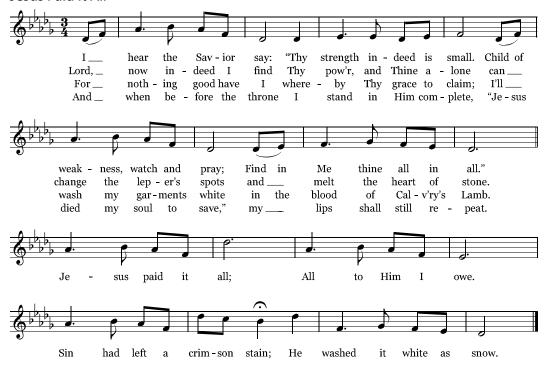
Words of Comfort and Assurance

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Jesus Paid It All



Words: Elvina Hall; Music: John Grape, 1865 CCLI 2361806

A Prayer for the Hearing of God's Word

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we might hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, so that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm — Psalm 3

- ¹ O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- ² many are saying of my soul,
 "There is no salvation for him in God."
- ³ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- ⁴ I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.
- ⁵ I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- ⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- ⁷ Arise, O Lord!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

First Bible Reading — Numbers 12:1-16

¹ Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. ² And they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it. ³ Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. ⁴ And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out. ⁵ And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. ⁶ And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. ⁷ Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" ⁹ And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed.

¹⁰ When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, like snow. And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. ¹¹ And Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned. ¹² Let her not be as one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes out of his mother's womb." ¹³ And Moses cried to the LORD, "O God, please heal her—please." ¹⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again." ¹⁵ So Miriam was shut outside the camp seven days, and the people did not set out on the march till Miriam was brought in again. ¹⁶ After that the people set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Bible Reading — Mark 1:40-45

⁴⁰ And a leper came to Jesus, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

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Bible Reflection – Mark 1:40-45

Worth a Thousand Words

Fifth reflection in the series: Who Is This Man?

To help you reflect on Mark 1:40-45 you can find recordings of teaching from Keith on our website under 'Sermons'. You can also find study questions on our blog.

Notes:		

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

^{*}The 'catholic' church is the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles.

The leader continues,
Lord, show us your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Lord, govern the leaders of the nations, and mercifully hear our prayers.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness, and make your chosen people joyful.

Lord, save your people, and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord, for you are our help and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

A Prayer for Today

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, and nothing is holy: Increase and multiply your mercy toward us; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we might gain the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.** (BCP 1662)

Almighty God, our strong tower of defense in time of trouble: We offer you praise and heartfelt thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately surround us and for your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for God's people, the nations, and people in need are said, concluding with:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Grace Greater Than Our Sin



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Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. (*Romans* 15:13)



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Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.



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