

**Service for the dispersed  
communities of St John's and  
All Saints' for the sixth Sunday  
after Trinity, 19th July 2020**

**Welcome and introduction**

A moment of silence before we  
commence our service:

We meet in the name of God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord our God, the Almighty,  
reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for  
joy,  
giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is  
now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Opening prayer**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your  
presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant  
wills  
to worship you in spirit and in  
truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn**

*King of glory, King of peace*  
George Herbert (1593-1633)  
The choir of Trinity College,  
University of Melbourne

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working  
breast,  
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in  
seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in  
heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enroll thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

**Invitation to confession**

The gospel calls us to turn away  
from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in  
penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust  
in his mercy.

**The Confession**

Christ came in humility to share  
our lives:  
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all  
people:  
forgive our silence.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of  
suffering:  
forgive our self-centredness.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Absolution**

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness  
of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the  
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading**

Genesis 28:10-19a

### **Hymn**

*Be still for the presence of the  
Lord*  
David Evans

### **New Testament reading**

Romans 8:12-25

### **Gospel reading**

Matthew 12:1-9

### **Reflection (YouTube)**

Bishop Nathan, Bishop of Kigali,  
Rwanda

### **The Creed**

The Apostles' Creed

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

### **Hymn**

*Over the mountains and the seas*  
Martin Smith

### **Intercessions**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### **Hymn**

*Great is the darkness*

Noel Richards and Gerald Coates

### **Closing prayer**

Eternal God,  
our beginning and our end,  
accompany us in this day's  
journey.  
Dawn on our darkness,  
open our eyes to praise you for  
your creation  
and to see the work you set  
before us today.  
Take us and use us  
to bring to others the new life you  
give in Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Amen**

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

The Lord bless you and watch over  
you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon  
you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and  
give you peace;  
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

**All In the name of Christ,  
Amen**