

Tuesday 30th June 2020 – Sent by the Father

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, let us feast on you and find nourishment for our souls. You are the light of the world, let us follow you out of the darkness. You are the door, let us enter the Father's presence in your name. You are the good shepherd, let us rest in your provision. You are the resurrection and the life, let us find true life and victory in you. You are the way, the truth and the life, let us love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We pray this in your name, Amen.

Lectionary Reading John 5: 1-18

The Healing at the Pool

⁵ Some time later, Jesus went a pool, which in Aramai is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁴ ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Authority of the Son

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Singing the Faith Hymn 466

- 1 Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.
- 2 Have faith in God, my mind,
for when your light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
than you can fully know.
- 3 Have faith in God, my soul;
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.
- 4 Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place,
until I rest, heart, mind, and soul,
the captive of your grace.

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Psalm 67

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,¹
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

PRAYERS

Almighty Lord God, give us true faith, and make that faith grow in us day by day. Also give us hope and love, so that we may serve our neighbors according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of our world as your love would make it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the benefits of abundant life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
And give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.