



See How the Flowers of the Field Grow

July 12, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ prelude - Dr. Andris Āboliņš

Introit: Psalm 65: 2, 9-13

O God, who hears our prayer, to you all people will come. The dwellers at the ends of the earth are awed by your wonders; you make the lands of sunrise and sunset resound with shouts of joy. You visit the earth and water it; you make it very fruitful. The waters of heaven brim over their channel; providing us with grain, for so you have prepared the land, drenching its furrows, levelling its ridges; softening it with showers and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your goodness and your paths overflow with plenty. The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass; and the hills are girded with joy. The fields are clothed with sheep; the valleys are decked with wheat, so that they shout for joy and sing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, amen.

Prayer: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in the us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and in hope and in love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading of Scripture - Dr. Indra Ekmane

Matthew 6: 24-34

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly

Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Homily

Apostles Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Organ solo - Dr. Andris Āboliņš

Prayer:

God grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time.
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would like it.
Trusting that he will make all things right,
If I surrender to his will.
That I may be reasonably happy in this world
And supremely happy in the next
Amen.

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Our Father...

Blessing

Go in peace and serve the Lord with joy! Thanks be to God!

Organ postlude - Dr. Andris Āboliņš