

Readings and Hymns

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Pentecost 3

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Opening – You Are Salt for the Earth

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grown in the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

Collect

Mighty God,
to you belong the mysteries of the universe.
You transform shepherds into kings,
the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,
and hardened hearts into loving one.
May your life-giving Spirit
re-create us in your image
and shape us into your purposes,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear
fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Ezekiel 17:22-24;

Ainsi parle le Seigneur Dieu : « À la cime du grand
cèdre, je prendrai une tige ; au sommet de sa
ramure, j'en cueillerai une toute jeune, et je la
planterai moi-même sur une montagne très
élevée.
Sur la haute montagne d'Israël je la planterai. Elle
portera des rameaux, et produira du fruit, elle
deviendra un cèdre magnifique. En dessous d'elle
habiteront tous les passereaux et toutes sortes
d'oiseaux, à l'ombre de ses branches ils
habiteront.
Alors tous les arbres des champs sauront que Je
suis le Seigneur : je renverse l'arbre élevé et relève
l'arbre renversé, je fais sécher l'arbre vert et
reverdir l'arbre sec. Je suis le Seigneur, j'ai parlé, et
je le ferai. »

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**to tell of your loving-kindness early in the
morning and of your faithfulness in the night
season;**

on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your
hands.**

My eyes also gloat over my enemies,
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom
of the wicked who rise up against me.

**The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.**

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

**they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;**

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Psaume 92:1-4, 11-14

Qu'il est bon de rendre grâce au Seigneur, de
chanter pour ton nom, Dieu Très-Haut,
**d'annoncer dès le matin ton amour,
ta fidélité,
au long des nuits,**

sur la lyre à dix cordes et sur la harpe, sur un
murmure de cithare.

**Tes oeuvres me comblent de joie ;
devant l'ouvrage de tes mains,
je m'écrie :**

j'ai vu,

j'ai repéré mes espions,

j'entends ceux qui viennent m'attaquer.

**Le juste grandira comme un palmier, il poussera
comme un cèdre du Liban ;**

planté dans les parvis du Seigneur, il grandira
dans la maison de notre Dieu.

**Vieillissant, il fructifie encore,
il garde sa sève et sa verdure**

Mark 4:26-34

Il disait : « Il en est du règne de Dieu comme d'un homme qui jette en terre la semence : nuit et jour, qu'il dorme ou qu'il se lève, la semence germe et grandit, il ne sait comment. D'elle-même, la terre produit d'abord l'herbe, puis l'épi, enfin du blé plein l'épi. Et dès que le blé est mûr, il y met la faucille, puisque le temps de la moisson est arrivé. »
Il disait encore : « À quoi allons-nous comparer le règne de Dieu ? Par quelle parabole pouvons-nous le représenter ? Il est comme une graine de moutarde : quand on la sème en terre, elle est la plus petite de toutes les semences. Mais quand on l'a semée, elle grandit et dépasse toutes les plantes potagères ; et elle étend de longues branches, si bien que les oiseaux du ciel peuvent faire leur nid à son ombre. » Par de nombreuses paraboles semblables, Jésus leur annonçait la Parole, dans la mesure où ils étaient capables de l'entendre. Il ne leur disait rien sans parabole, mais il expliquait tout à ses disciples en particulier.

Post Sermon – Creating God Your Fingers Trace

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries know or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

Closing – And Everyone 'neath Their Vine

And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree
Shall live in peace and unafraid.

Nations to ploughshares turn their swords,
And they shall study war no more.