

**Order of Service – Pentecost 5A  
St John's Online 5/7/2020**

**WELCOME**

**IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL**

Horatio G. Spafford/Philip Paul Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea-billows roll,  
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Chorus: *It is well (it is well)  
with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate, and has shed his  
own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious  
thought – my sin – not in part – but  
in whole is nailed to his cross; and I  
bear it no more; praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, O my soul. (Chorus)

And Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well  
With my soul (Chorus)

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**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND  
THANKSGIVING**

You are a chosen people, a royal  
priesthood, a holy nation, a people

belonging to God, that you may  
declare the praises of him who  
called you out of darkness into his  
wonderful light. Once you were not  
a people, but now you are  
the people of God; once you had not  
received mercy, but now you have  
received mercy.

*1 Peter 2.9-10*

Let's pray together:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank  
you for life and health and safety,  
for freedom to work, leisure to  
rest, and for all that is beautiful in  
creation and human life.**

**But, above all, we praise you for  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his  
death and resurrection; for the  
gift of your Spirit; and for the  
hope of sharing in your glory.**

**Fill our hearts with all joy and  
peace in believing; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BIBLE READING**

Thank you, Father, for making  
yourself known to us and showing  
the way of salvation through faith in  
your Son. We ask you now to teach  
and encourage us through your  
word, so that we may be ready to  
serve you; for the glory of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

“Jesus continued: “There was a man who  
had two sons. The younger one said to  
his father, ‘Father, give me my share of  
the estate.’ So he divided his property  
between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got  
together all he had, set off for a distant  
country and there squandered his wealth  
in wild living. After he had spent

everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON – The Rev’d David Rogers Smith: The Lost Son**

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Let us together affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God’s people, and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church: **We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **JESUS STRONG AND KIND**

Colin Buchanan | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren  
| Rich Thompson

Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him.

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him.

### Chorus

Jesus said if I am lost  
He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me.

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind. X2

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## CONFESSION

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. *Joel 2:13*

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have broken your holy laws and have left undone what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead – it is only by God's grace that you have been saved!

*Ephesians 2.4-5 (NLT)*

## PRAYERS

*Prayers may be offered for the world, for the community, for the work of the Church, and for the needs of individuals.*

*Prayers end with:*

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the**

**name of your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of peace equip us with  
everything good for doing his will,  
working in us what is pleasing to  
him, through Jesus Christ, to whom  
be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS  
SAY**

Alanna Glover | Horatius Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say  
Come unto Me and rest  
Lay down thou weary one  
Lay down thy head upon My chest  
I came to Jesus as I was  
Weary and worn and sad  
I found in Him a resting place  
And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say  
Behold I freely give  
The living water thirsty one  
Stoop down and drink and live  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
Of that life giving stream  
My thirst was quenched my soul  
revived  
And now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say  
I am this dark world's light  
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
In Him my Star my Sun  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done

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