

## 11 August 2018 (Saturday)

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of God. Please read and reflect upon the following quote from C.S. Lewis, the author of The Chronicles of Narnia:

## REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE (silence is kept)

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself." — C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

### HYMN - Be Thou My Vision

- 1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
  - 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3. Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight; Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r: Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
  - 4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 5. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

### **RESPONSIVE READING:**

**Celebrant:** The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**Celebrant:** All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

All: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Celebrant:** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Celebrant:** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

— Psalm 145:8-15, 18, 21

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6.

## **SECOND READING:** Gospel according to St. Mark 1:16-20.

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

# PRAYER BEFORE THE SERMON SERMON THE CREED

### HYMN - In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground; Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness; Scorned by the ones He came to save Til on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live 3. There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day; Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory; Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**QUIET PRAYER TIME** (Silence is kept) Prayer time is a good time for worshippers to reflect on the Word that they heard preached during the service. Use this time for prayer or to think about what you have heard or experienced. A light music may be played in the background. Prayer time will be concluded by the Lord's prayer cited by all in Polish.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CLOSING HYMN - Our God

Water You turned into wine; Opened the eyes of the blind; There's no one like you; None like you; Into the darkness You shine; Out of the ashes we rise; There's No one like you; None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God You are higher than any other Our God is Healer, awesome in power; Our God, Our God

Into the darkness you shining; Out of the ashes we rise; No one like you; None like you;

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?

#### **BENEDICTION**