

Welcome

A warm welcome to you today, whether you are joining us in church or online (Zoom, 4pm). In church, please note the following:

- Please do not congregate before or after the service. Social distancing must be observed at all times.
- Please wear a surgical mask or an FFP2 / KN95 mask.
- Please disinfect your hands when you come into church. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance.
- Please ensure you are registered when you enter the building. A list is provided for this. Name, address and either tel. no. or email address are mandatory. In Bonn, you can check in using the Corona-Warn-App by scanning the QR code at the entrance.
- Please sit at least 2 metres away from others in all directions. People who live together in one household can sit together in one pew.
- Please follow the instructions if you would like to receive Holy Communion, which is in one kind only.
- Please place your donation in the collection plate/basket at the back of church, or donate by bank transfer (account details on the front page).

Evening Prayer and Bible study this week

Evening Prayer and Bible study take place at 6pm to 6.30pm (Evening Prayer) and 6.30pm to 7.30pm (Bible study) this Friday.

Discussion/study group in Bonn

Would you like to meet others to discuss the Sunday Bible readings or sermon, or to join in meditative contemplation? Robin Pope in Bonn is looking into options for getting an informal group together for this, either on Sundays after the 9.30am service or one evening during the week. If you would like to know more or get involved, Robin will be pleased to hear from you: robin.eth.pope@gmail.com, tel. 0157 33493288.

Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, until the end of July please contact Carrie Andrews by e-mail: carrie.andrews@gmail.com. The deadline is 9am on Wednesday for the following Sunday.

Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details. Any data you give us will be kept securely by the church authorities and in no case given to any third parties.

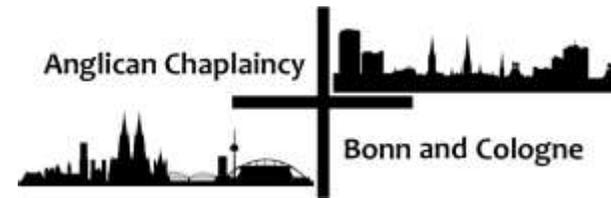
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WELCOME

Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time.

Sunday 11 July 2021 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

President and preacher:
Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament reading – Amos 7.7-15 Amaziah Complains to the King

⁷This is what the Lord God showed me:
The Lord was standing beside a wall built with a
plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you
see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.'

Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-
line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never
again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac
shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of
Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against
the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

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¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Psalms 85.8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.

**Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.**

New Testament reading – Ephesians 1.3-14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes

all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel reading – Mark 6.14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.