

Morning Prayer – Sunday, June 14, 2020

Families or small groups might gather, taking turns serving as “Leader” and others responding with words in bold print, or the entire service is said by one person, knowing that others are praying in the same way in their own locations.

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

A Penitential Rite & Territorial Acknowledgment

The freedom in which we live is bounded by promises we are called to keep.

As children of Noah, we inherit his Covenant: to honour all life.

Grafted on to the root of Abraham, we inherit his Covenant: we are blessed, so that we might be a blessing to all nations.

Having received, through Moses, the 10 Commandments, we inherit his covenant: to worship no other gods; to rest from ceaseless work; to honour the wisdom of our elders; to keep our promises; to disavow idolatry, blasphemy, murder, theft, dishonesty, and greed.

We acknowledge that the land on which we stand and in which we serve is the traditional territory of the Ottawa, Chippewa, and Potawatomi nations of the Three Fires Confederacy, and the Huron/Wyandot nation. We also acknowledge that we are parties to Treaty 116 (1786), McKee Treaty 2 (1790), Treaty 12 (1800), Treaty 35 (1833), and Cession #85 – Peach/Peche Island (1857) signed by our forebears.

In our baptism, we vow to seek, and find, and honour God in scripture and sacrament, in each other, in the stranger, the outsider, and the marginalized. We vow to seek justice, safeguard the integrity of creation, to resist evil and whenever we fall into sin, to repent and return to the Lord.

In the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus we are embraced into a new covenant, of eternal hope, and the forgiveness of sins.

According to our baptismal covenant, we confess that we have failed to live within the bounds of these promises. We confess our sins- individual, institutional, and systemic, and repent of the harm that is caused by our collective failure to honour all life.

Trusting that God keeps God’s promises, that light shines in the darkness and is not overcome, that love has power to make all things new; that God’s will can and one day shall be done on earth as it is in heaven: we ask for strength and courage to live each day as people of covenant, vow, and treaty.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Opening Responses

The kingdom of God is at hand; **O Come, Let us Worship.**

Lord, open our lips **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jubilate - Psalm 100 (Inclusive Language Psalter)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
 the One made us and to whom we belong;
 we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
 go into these courts with praise;
 give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
 and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

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The Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 *New Revised Standard Version*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who

hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (*Inclusive Language Psalter*)

1 I love the Lord * who has heard the voice of my supplication,
2 **who has listened to me * whenever I called.**
12 How shall I repay you, O Lord, * for all the good things you have done for me?
13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon your name.**
14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all the people.
15 **Precious in your sight, O Lord * is the death of your servants.**
16 O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.
17 **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and call upon the name of the Lord.**
18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all the people of God.
19 **In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**
 Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Romans 5:1-8 *New Revised Standard Version*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music might be Inserted here, either a "live" offering of praise to God, or a recorded selection.

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (9:35-10:23)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?

What does this story have to say to you today?

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**")

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.
Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

We pray for those who are locked in too close to one another, and for those who are isolated and alone: be our companion and our strength.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

We pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. people may add their own petitions.

Hear the voice of my supplication, **and listen to me when I call.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. people may add their own thanksgivings

Hope does not disappoint us, **because God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

Collect

God of love, in your compassion you reach out to the abandoned, the lost, and the neglected. Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

(Proprs Working Group (2016) alt.)

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**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.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace give us peace in all ways and at all times. **Amen.**

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now

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