

Morning Prayer – Sunday, June 28, 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.

As Canadians we are party to the treaties which formed us as a nation- 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 free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

O Come, Let us Worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 22:1-14 *New Revised Standard Version*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’

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

Psalm 13 (*Inclusive Language Psalter*)

1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? * How long will you hide your face from me?

2 **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? ***

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 **lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over this one,” ***

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 **I will sing to the Lord who has dealt with me richly; ***

I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

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 6:12-23 *New Revised Standard Version*

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 (10:40-42)

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us join in prayer with God’s faithful people throughout the world, saying “God of Love: hear our prayer.”

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for Susan+ our bishop, for the clergy of this Parish, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially...], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially...], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

Collect

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love fulfils the law.
May we love you with all our heart,
all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,
and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

This service is assembled by The Rev'd Naomi Miller (Diocese of Niagara) from resources found in the Book of Alternative Services, Published by the Anglican Church of Canada.

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