



**A Service of the Word for
All Saints', St Augustine of Canterbury, &
St James' (Roseland) Anglican Churches, Windsor and
Christ Church (Anglican), Colchester
St Andrews' Anglican Church, Harrow**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020**

A Service of the Word

O: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All: And also with you.

O: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Welcome

Opening Song: CP 384 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

O: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

O: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

O: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Collect of the Day:

O: Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

O: Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 124

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-8

Gradual Song: CP 606 **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

The Gospel

O: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

O: The holy gospel according to

All: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel - Matthew 16.13-20

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

O: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

O: Steadfast God, your love and faithfulness are with us always. We give thanks that with you there is no end to our hope. By your power, all exiles will come to an end; all things will be restored. Therefore we pray with confidence to you who are above all things, knowing that you take notice of those who are bent low; that your strong arm takes hold of those who are in the midst of trouble. To anyone in despair, send your deliverance swiftly. For those longing for home, return them, we pray, to a place of safety and love. For anyone estranged from another, we pray that reconciliation may be accomplished or that an ending may become the pathway to a new beginning. Loving God, you promise comfort to the one in sorrow and help to the one in trouble. Lift us all up so we can see your salvation.

Help us and help the nations to learn your justice and to practice it. Silence the deafening drumbeat of war so we may learn a song of thanksgiving.

Before the world wears out like a garment, before we turn your Eden into a waste place, correct our habits. We desire to be better caretakers of the garden of the Lord. We thank you for the gift of the church and for the varied gifts and perspectives you place among us. Help us to welcome the diversity of your design in ways that enlarge our witness in the world. We thank you especially for Jesus Christ, who has called us to be his body in the world, and we pray all things in his name.

All: Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

O: God has given us gifts to share: prophetic acts and acts of service, teaching and leading, encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness, giving without strings attached. Freely, then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need.

Offertory Song: CP 601 - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Prayer over the Gifts

O: Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

O: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

O: Glory to God

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

O: May God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: CP 444 - Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Dismissal

O: Though we are many, remember that we are one body in Christ and members of one another. Offer your gifts according to the grace given you, as a living sacrifice to God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Join us each week for as long as we are needing to worship in this form. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership.

Please watch your emails and Facebook for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this challenging time.

Please be in touch with your priest should you need pastoral care. While we need to be mindful of space and contact, we are all still available to offer support during this time.

The Reverend Robert Clifford will be away on holidays until August 23, 2020. Please watch your parish emails for emergency contact information.

Remember to be in touch with your church family via phone and email during this time. We all need each other and isolation can be as harmful as an illness.

Your continued financial support remains needed so that the church can continue its ministry in the wider world. Please mail your contributions to the church, get signed up for pre-authorized giving, or visit the Canada Helps Page for your parish:

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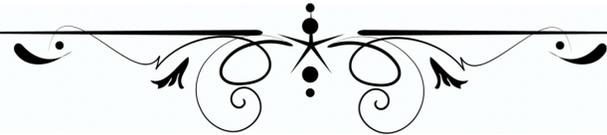
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Today's Readings

Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 124

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Song Sheet

Opening Song: CP 384 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him for aye we adore him.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wonderously reigneth,
shelters thee under his winds, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou no seen who thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.
6. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

Hymn of Praise: Give Me Oil In My Lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp keep it burning
Give me oil in my lamp I pray
Give me oil in my lamp keep it burning
Keep it burning till the break of day.

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the king of kings
Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King.
2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praying ...
3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving ...

Gradual Song: CP 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
3. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
5. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Offertory Song: CP 601 - God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store -
natures' wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grace's shattered door -
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise for ever, gracious
Donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ,
your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church
made one.
Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your
grace conferred,
our to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel
word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless
call
healing, teaching, ad reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Closing Hymn: CP 444 - Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

1. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear on every page.
Our forebears owns your goodness and we their deed record,
and both of this bear witness: on church, one faith, one Lord.
2. Your herald Brough glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming on church, one faith, one Lord.
5. Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right had to hep us, your people shall be one;
an then by all creation, your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

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