

July 25, 2021 9<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost  
Online service of Morning Prayer  
The Very Rev. Bert Chestnut and The Ven. Sarah Usher  
Music: Blanche; Jan; and Michael

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7.16*

### **The Penitential Rite**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8, 9*

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,*

**Most merciful God,  
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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People Amen.*

**Opening Hymn: We Bow Down RH 97**

**You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea;  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,  
And Lord of all lords You will be.  
We bow down and we worship You, Lord  
We bow down and we worship You, Lord**

**We bow down and we worship You, Lord  
Lord of all lords You will be.**

**You are King of creation and King of my life,  
King of the land and the sea;  
You were King of the heavens before there was time,  
And King of all kings You will be.  
We bow down and we crown You the King  
We bow down and we crown You the King  
We bow down and we crown You the King  
King of all kings You will be.**

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

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

**All:** 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.

### **The Invitatory**

God rules over all the earth: **O come, let us worship**

### **Jubilate**

Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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## **The Proclamation of the Word**

1<sup>st</sup> reading 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

<sup>10</sup> David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

<sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents,<sup>[a]</sup> and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

<sup>12</sup> Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 14

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” \* All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

**2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \* to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God**

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \* there is none who does good; no, not one.

**4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \* who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

5 See how they tremble with fear, \* because God is in the company of the righteous.

**6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \* but the Lord is their refuge.**

7 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! \* when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

And together let us pray

**God of wisdom and love, without you neither truth nor holiness can survive. Show your mighty presence among us, and make us glad in proclaiming your deliverance in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: Lord, Be Glorified RP 176**

**In my life, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, Be glorified today.**

**In Your church, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.  
In Your church, Lord, Be glorified today.**

**Gospel Reading:**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:1-21

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**6** Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup> where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. <sup>18</sup> A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon: The Rev. Glen Gough**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop, and Bishop-Elect, the Rev. Stephen London and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton.

In the Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Est Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

In the Yukon Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Mary with St. Mark. The Rev. Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted and the lay ministry team.

We pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame and family.

**Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”**

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all Indigenous People and their communities as we all join together in mourning the loss of the children; as they mourn the loss of their own families who didn't come home from Residential Schools throughout our country; and as we move forward, we pray for healing; understanding; and reconciliation.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**The Collect**

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

*Leader* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

**All: 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**

**Blessing:** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Closing Hymn: Greater Love RP 178**

**Chorus:**

**Greater love has no man than this,  
That he lay down his life for his friends.**

**Greater love has no man than this,  
That he lay down his life for his friends.**

**You took my burden shamelessly.  
Paid my debt for eternity.  
Wond'ring of Your love for me,  
Has become, life's greatest mystery.**

**Repeat Chorus:**

**That You would come from Heaven above,  
Offer free Your priceless love,  
That God's own Son would come and die  
To make a way for such as I.**

**Repeat Chorus:**

**Dismissal**

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.