

Morning Prayer
Sunday Aug 29, 2021 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

A Penitential Order

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Psalm 51.18

The presider then says,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour

A moment of silence

God of all mercy,

***All:* we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.

Amen

Opening Hymn: (#184 CP) My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:
but O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Introductory Responses

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: In your resurrection, O Christ,

All: let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit,

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm (Psalm 95:1-7)

Come, sing to the Holy One!

Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!

Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!

Raise our voices in joyful hymns!

Truly the Holy One is a great God,

supreme above all gods,

in whose hands are the ends of the earth

and the heights of all the mountains.

The sea belongs to God who made it,

whose hands formed the dry land.

Come, worship and bow down;

kneel in the presence of our Creator.

Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,

whose people we are,

all in God's pasture.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away..

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Responsory

Leader: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
And Christ shall give you light.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader: You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.
Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader: When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
And Christ shall give you light.**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

Leader: My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

All: **You are the fairest of mortals; *
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.**

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your dominion;
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

All: **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

Leader: All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

All: **The daughters of rulers stand among the ladies of the court; *
at your side is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

All: Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit

All: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: (#447 CP) Lord, We Hear Your Word (*Tune is #486 CP*)

Lord, we hear your word with gladness: you have spoken—we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—help us make their truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters, we must make our gospel heard!

By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.). So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon: Bishop Lesley

Affirmation of Faith. The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

The Prayers of the People

In the Worldwide Anglican cycle of prayer today we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In the Canadian Anglican - Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for
The Rt. Rev. Chris Harper, Bishop, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon in the Anglican Church of Canada and Bishop Greg Mohr, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries and for continuing education of clergy and laity. We pray for PWRDF representative Betty Davidson, AFC representative the Rev Glen Gough, the Diocesan ACW president, Blanche Buckle, and for all ACW members.

The Litany

Leader: Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Holy One, hear and have mercy.'

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.

All: **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

All: **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: Fill the world with your peace and justice.

All: **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

All: **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

All: **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

The Collect

Compassionate God, you touch those rejected by the world and those despised by false piety: guide us away from a false purity which hides misshapen hearts; and lead us to the joyful feast in which all are renewed; through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's faith. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, in the language that is closest to your heart, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: (#601 CP) God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

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.

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

The Dismissal.

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

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Leader: May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All: **Amen.**