

Morning Prayer
September 5, 2021
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Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people (Matthew 4:23)

The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

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: Rise up, O Saints of God (H586)

1. Rise up, O Saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saint of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace the word of hope proclaim
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod,
And, quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God.

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

The Invitatory

The Lord is our light and our life: **O Come let us worship.**

Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us shout for joy in the rock our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God

And a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

And the heights of the hills are his also.

**The sea is his for he made it,
And his hands have mounded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
And kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lord is light and our life; **O come, let us worship**

The Proclamation of the Word - A Reading from Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

9 Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

23 for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

**2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the
land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

**4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

**Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let
us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the
snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared
for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and
forever.**

A Reading from James 2:1-17 NRSV

Warning against Partiality

2 My brothers and sisters, ^[a] do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ^[b] 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ^[c] 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. ^[d] Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11 For the one who said,

“You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters,^[e] if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Hymn: O for a Thousands Tongues to Sing (H306)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
2. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
Tis music in the sinner’s ears, tis life, and health, and peace.
3. He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
4. Hear him, deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!
5. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honours of they name.

Priest:- The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7, verses 24 through 37.

People:- Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.^[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir,^[b] even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus^[c] ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Priest:- The Gospel of Christ

People:- Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon:

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

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life,
saying, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**")

This morning we remember our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, our Metropolitan Archbishop Lynne McNaughton, and our Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald, and our own Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, as we say, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We offer up prayers for our prayer partner, the Diocese of Fredericton, the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside, the Rev. Rob Salloum, the Rev. Barbara Haire.

We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Anne Turner Training School, the Centre of Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Right to Water and a renewed commitment to the stewardship of Creation.

In our Yukon Cycle of First Nations the Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation, and we pray for the families who had children who did not return from residential schools. As we say, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember those who suffer from discrimination & racism. We pray for love and understanding that even though we are different, we are all the same, as we say; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour, saying. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.
Lord, hear our prayer.

The Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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

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: (or other as appropriate)

The peace of God, which passeth 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:- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love (H 504)
(Refrain)**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your Love, show us how to serve
The neighbours we have from you.

1.Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (refrain)

2.Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race,
Neighbours are near and far away. (refrain)

3.These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbours to us and you. (refrain)

4.Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves;
This is the way we should live with you. (refrain)

5.Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet;
This is the way we should live with you. (refrain)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.