

Morning Prayer  
September 19, 2021 - 17th 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: (#397 CP) Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy gladness seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

## 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:** Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,

and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,

all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,

and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,

she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night

and provides food for her household

and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;

with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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 1**

*Leader:* Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

*All:* **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and on this law they meditate day and night.**

*Leader:* They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper..

*All:* **It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away**

*Leader:* Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous

*All:* **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

*All:* **Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with  
the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last,  
in the name of 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 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures..

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you..

*Leader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

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

**Gradual Hymn:** (#577 CP) God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.

Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's waring madness. Bend our pride to your control:

Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee.

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

Now They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.""

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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

In the Canadian Anglican - Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for  
The Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon in the Anglican Church of Canada and The dean, council and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people, parish and communities of Carcross, Tagish & Johnson Crossing, the congregation of St. Saviours and for ministry organized through the synod office.

We pray also for the community, people and parish of Teslin and the congregation of St. Philips. We give thanks, and pray, for The Venerable Sarah Usher & Len Usher and the ministry team.

### **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**

**Loving God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practise your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen. 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: (#584 CP) The Church of Christ in Every Age**

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

**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.**