Morning Prayer October 24, 2021 - 22nd 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: (CP #5) Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Day-spring from on high be near; Day-star in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief, fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief, more and more thy self display, shining to the perfect day.

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, 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: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

There Then Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things,

and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.'

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,

and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand

sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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 34:1-8

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; * the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

All: I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt the name of God together.

All: I sought the Lord, who answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

Leader: Look upon God and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

All: I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

Leader: The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God* and will deliver them.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in God!

All: Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviur. 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: Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: (#353 CP) My God, How Endless Is Your Love

My God, how endless is your love! Your gifts are every evening new, and morning mercies from above gently distil, like early dew.

You spread the curtains of the night, great Guardian of my sleeping hours; your sovereign Word restores the light, and quickens all my drowsy powers.

I yield my powers to your command: to you I consecrate my days: perpetual blessings from your hand demand perpetual songs of praise.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly,

"Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon:

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 in Wales.

In the Canadian Anglican - Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for The Rt Rev Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia in the Anglican Church of Canada and The dean, council and congregations of the Lower Mainland 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 community of Watson Lake and the congregation of St. John the Baptist. We pray also for the communities of

Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek (St. Aidan's) and Dease Lake 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: God of the Sparrow (CP #414)

God of the sparrow, God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross God of the empty grave How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks?

God of the hungry, God of the sick God of the prodigal How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life?

God of the neighbour, God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace?

God of the ages, God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home?

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.