

Morning Prayer
November 21, 2021
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Venerable Sarah Usher & Dean Bert Chestnut
Music: Anne Coates

Sentence:-

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Psalm 126:6)

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: Fairest Lord Jesus (H619)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly earthly
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
None can be nearer fairer or dearer
Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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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 the 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 – Samuel 23:1-7

The Last Words of David

23 Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,^[a]
the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

³The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

⁴is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

⁶But the godless are^[b] all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar

or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot. [c]

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

Psalm 132:1-19

1 Lord, remember David, *

and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord *

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, *
nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob"

6 "The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the Lord has chosen Zion, *
he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.

**17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.**

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

**19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.”**

**Gracious God, you have taught us in our Saviour Jesus Christ
that you are present wherever there is love, and that two or
three who gather in his name are citizens of your eternal city.
Feed us with the bread of life, that we may grow to recognize
in every human heart a sign of your presence and an
opportunity to serve you. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

A Reading from Revelations 21:4b-8 nrsv

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and
from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the
faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed^[a] us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made^[b] us to
be a kingdom, priests serving^[c] his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (H378)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing, of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him with the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Priest:- The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18 verses 33 through 37.

People:- Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Priest:- The Gospel of Christ

People:- Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: Rev. Walter Kagura

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 Nerepis and St. John remembering the clergy and people who worship there.

We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, the Secretary General and staff of the
Anglican Communion Office.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The General Secretary and staff of
the Lutheran World Federation as well as the members of the Joint Anglican
Lutheran Commission. As we pray, **Lord hear our prayer.**

In our Yukon Cycle of First Nations the Kwanlin Dun First Nations. As we say,
Lord, hear our prayer.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer we remember Atlin, The Rev. Vera Kirkwood; the Rev. Dorothy Odian and Dennis Odian. Licensed Lay Minister, George Holman and Cheri Malo.

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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:- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (H374)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, or questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.