



## Pentecost 6

July 12, 2020

Welcome

Minister The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. *(Luke 4.18)*

God, as your only Son revealed you are still at work in your creation, so through Christ your living Word enable us to know your love and to share it with others. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Minister Most merciful God,

**All 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.**

Minister Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Psalm 119.105-112**

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> **I have sworn and am determined  
to keep your righteous judgements.**

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled;  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,  
and teach me your judgements.**

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand,  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> **The wicked have set a trap for me,  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> **I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes  
for ever and to the end.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Gospel Hymn - Ancient Words

The Reading: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Reader            A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!'

<sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on

good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**All                Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Abraham Thomas

Apostles' Creed

**All                I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 he will come 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 Offertory - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God.*

Prayer over the Gifts

**Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.  
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers

Minister        The Lord be with you.

**All                And also with you.**

Minister        Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All                Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister        Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All                Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we  
forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister O Lord, show your mercy upon us;  
People **And grant us your salvation.**  
Minister O Lord, guide those who govern us;  
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Minister Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
People **And let your people sing with joy.**  
Minister O Lord, save your people;  
People **And bless your inheritance.**  
Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
People **And defend us by your mighty power.**  
Minister Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Minister Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Leader O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need. Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required, "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God". Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity. Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Marion McNiven to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people. **Amen.**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by his victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

#### The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our 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 us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

**In our prayers this week:**

**The Anglican Communion:**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea  
The Most Revd Allan Migi - Archbishop of Papua New Guinea

**The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**

**ACC** The Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Athabasca

**ELCIC** The congregations of the southern area of the Saskatchewan Synod

**The Diocese of Toronto:** The Mission to Seafarers

**The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:**

The clergy and people of St Luke, Peterborough; St Margaret-in-the Pines; St Margaret, Barrie  
and their outreach activities

**The Church of St Mary and St Martha**

In our parish cycle of prayer: Colleen Mottley; Theresa Nash and Shanice Lett; Remi Oyelumade

Celebrating birthdays: Ouida Forde, Bradley French, Patricia Carr, Catalina Joaquin, Joy Scott

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