



Pentecost 8

July 26, 2020

Welcome

Minister Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (*John 6.68*)

Prayer Gracious God, giver of life in its fullness, you take no pleasure in human want but intend your bounty to be shared among your children. Lead us in the ways of justice and peace, for Jesus Christ's sake.
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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 128

¹ Happy are they all who fear the Lord,
and who follow in his ways!

**² You shall eat the fruit of your labour;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

**⁴ The man who fears the Lord
shall thus indeed be blessed.**

⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**⁶ May you live to see your children's children;
may peace be upon Israel.**

**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 13.31-33, 44-52

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

³¹ Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

**God of grace, accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.**

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 this 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:

Please pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now
– pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC Bishop Jane Alexander, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:

The clergy and people of St Martin, Bay Ridges; St Martin in the Fields; St Mary and St Martha
and their outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle of prayer: Andrew Patrick; Catherine Patrick; Cindy Patrick; Julius Patrick;
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