



Pentecost 14
September 6, 2020

Welcome

Minister God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. (*2 Corinthians 5.19*)

Prayer Accept our praise, God of justice, defender of the oppressed. Give us grace to join in this your holy work, that all the world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 149

¹ Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**² Let Israel rejoice in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

³ Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

**⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

**⁸ To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;**

⁹ To inflict on them the judgement decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

**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 18.15-20

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mark Regis

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 Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name 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.**

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.**

Gracious Lord, you are the comfort of those who mourn and the strength of those who suffer, We pray for those who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Lauren, for Linda, for Doreen, and for all those we name now, silently or aloud. (Pause). **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 Southern Africa

The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry
ELCIC/ACC The Right to Water and a renewed commitment to the stewardship of creation

Diocese of Toronto

Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:

The clergy and people of St Paul, Beaverton; St Paul Bloor Street; St Paul, Brighton
and their outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle of prayer: Elaine Samson; Leighton Sayers; Deborah Scantlebury
Celebrating a birthday: Evelyn Chipperfield - Happy 99th!; Yvette Leander; Cheryl Shallow

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