



Pentecost 15
September 13, 2020

Welcome

Minister A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *(John 13.34)*

Prayer Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 114

¹ Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**² Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.**

³ The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

**⁴ The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?**

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.

**⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**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 18.21- 35

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt

because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Matthew Waterman

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 Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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, for Shirley, for Stella, 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 South America
The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America
& Bishop of Argentina

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon
ELCIC The staff of the British Columbia Synod

Diocese of Toronto

School Chaplains

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:

The clergy and people of St Paul, Innisfil; St Paul, Newmarket; St Paul, Uxbridge
and their outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle: Joy Scott; Kuinivia Seiloa; Qaisar Shakeel

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