



# Windows into life

## A Summer Sermon Series

### **Service of Morning Prayer**

*June 20, 2021, at 10:30am*

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Welcome**

*The Rev. Mark Regis, Priest-in-Charge*

#### **Musical Worship**

##### Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near,  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till Thou inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiance divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

## The Invitation

Leader We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Leader This is the day the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Call to Worship

Take O, Take me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## Penitential Rite

Leader Scripture reminds us that, though we are redeemed and forgiven as God's people, we still sin and fall short of God's glory. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us before the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to mend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Priest May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Leader O Lord, open up our hearts;

**All And we will praise your holy name.**

Leader O God, be quick to save us;

**All O Lord, do not wait to help us.**

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Leader Let us praise the Lord;

**All We do with all our heart.**

## Canticle

### Venite

O Come Let us sing unto the Lord; Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the | earth; and the strength of hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come let us worship and fall down; and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Proclamation of the Word

### Psalm

A reading from Psalm 9.9-20.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup>Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

<sup>11</sup>Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

<sup>12</sup>For he who avenges blood remembers;  
he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup>LORD, see how my enemies persecute me!  
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,

<sup>14</sup>that I may declare your praises  
in the gates of Daughter Zion,  
and there rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>15</sup>The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;  
their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.

<sup>16</sup>The LORD is known by his acts of justice;  
the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>17</sup>The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,  
all the nations that forget God.

<sup>18</sup>But God will never forget the needy;  
the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

<sup>19</sup>Arise, LORD, do not let mortals triumph;  
let the nations be judged in your presence.

<sup>20</sup>Strike them with terror, LORD;  
let the nations know they are only mortal.

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

### First Reading

A reading from Isaiah 40.1-5.

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.  
<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.  
  
<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:  
'In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Reader The word of the Lord;  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### Music (TBD)

Jubilate

Jubilate Deo, jubilate Deo, alléluia (*repeat*)

*English: Be joyful in God*

### Second Reading

A reading from Luke 1.67-80.

<sup>67</sup> His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:  
<sup>68</sup> 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.  
<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David  
<sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),  
<sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us –  
<sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
<sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
<sup>77</sup> to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
<sup>79</sup> to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.'

<sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Leader The word of the Lord;  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## Musical Worship

### O Come, Divine Messiah

O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

#### **Refrain:**

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold.  
Come break the captive's fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold. [Refrain]

O come in peace and meekness,  
For lowly will your cradle be:  
Though clothed in human weakness  
We shall your Godhead see. [Refrain]

## Sermon

**Sonya Lawley**

Lay Pastoral Associate

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Reflection Anthem: Benedictus

## Confession of Faith

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?  
**All 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.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**All 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.**

### Offertory

*In our offertory we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of ourselves and our service to the glory of God. If you wish to financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of St. Mary and St. Martha during this time you can find options on our website at [www.stmaryandstmartha.org/give](http://www.stmaryandstmartha.org/give).*

### Musical Worship

Video: Indigenous Day of Prayer – Eagle Song and Teaching

Leader Gracious God, all things come from you and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

### The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you;  
**All And with your spirit.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Leader O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**All**      **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader    O Lord, save the Queen;

**All**      **And mercifully hear us when we call to you.**

Leader    Provide your Ministers with righteousness;

**All**      **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Leader    O Lord, save your people;

**All**      **And bless your inheritance.**

Leader    Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**All**      **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Leader    O God, make clean our hearts within us;

**All**      **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

### **The Collects**

Leader    *Collect of the Day*

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All**      **Amen.**

Leader    *Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of goodwill, the knowledge of whom provides us eternal life, the service to whom makes us free: defend us your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that, trusting in your protection, we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

Leader    *Collect for Grace*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into any sin nor run into any kind of danger; rather, govern and guide us at all times, so that we may do always what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Each Prayer will end with the following response:*

Prayer    Lord, in your mercy;

Leader

**All**      **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer    Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to bring before  
Leader    you our common supplications, and you have promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. So, Lord, fulfil now the desires and prayers of your people in ways and to degrees that are best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

**All**      **Amen.**

Video: Indigenous Day of Prayer – Prayers from the 4 Directions

**Closing Prayer**

Leader

**All Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves this coming week to your service, and live in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**All Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Closing Worship**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

**The Blessing**

Leader

The peace of God, which passes 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.

**All Amen.**

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**In our prayers this week:  
The Anglican Communion**  
The Church of North India (United)

**The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**  
**ACC** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land  
**ELCIC/ACC** The National Indigenous Day of Prayer: for healing and  
reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

**Diocese of Toronto**  
AURA – Anglican-United Refugee Alliance

**Social Justice and Advocacy Committee**  
The clergy and people of St. John, Ida (Parish of Ida & Omeme); St John, West Toronto;  
St John, Whitby and their outreach activities

**The Church of St Mary and St Martha**  
Parish Cycle: Joyce McKenzie; Veronica McLean; Coleen Monah  
Celebrating a birthday: Rosaphine Prosper; Keren James; Joan Beattie;  
Arielle Smith; Barbara Franklin; Evan Smith

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*The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.*