



Windows into life

A Summer Sermon Series

Service of Morning Prayer

July 11, 2021, at 10:30am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

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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 our 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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
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As we will be when he comes

The Confession

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.

Leader 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.

Proclamation of the Word

Psalm

A reading from **Psalm 24**;

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.
⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Saviour.
⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.
⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty –
he is the King of glory.

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 **1 Samuel 2: 18-21**

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²¹ And the LORD took note of Hannah; she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

Leader The word of the Lord;

All Thanks be to God.

Musical Worship

Open our Eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord
And help us to listen;
Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus.

Second Reading A reading from **Luke 2: 41-52**

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.'
⁴⁹ 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.
⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

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

Sermon

The Rev'd Sandra Seaborn

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Reflection: Give Me Jesus

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.

Musical Worship

This is my Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader 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.

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*
Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.**

Closing Prayer

Leader 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

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ELCIC Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the people and rostered ministers of the
Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocese of Toronto

Mission to Seafarers

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

Parish Cycle: Cynthia Palmer; Margaret Parris; Catherine, Andrew, Cindy and Julius Patrick
Celebrating a birthday: Ouida Forde; Bradley French; Catalina Joaquin

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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.