



Windows into life

A Summer Sermon Series

Service of Morning Prayer

July 18, 2021, at 10:30am

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

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Land Acknowledgement

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous people 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.

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.

Musical Worship

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze, *[Refrain]*

And when I think of God his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *[Refrain]*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life. In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight. Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should. Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

Leader God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation.

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.

Musical Worship

Tell Out My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His Word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name: the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Proclamation of the Word

Psalm A reading from Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice^[b] goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens

and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Reader Glory be 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 Zechariah 7:8-14

⁸ And the word of the Lord came again to Zechariah: ⁹ ‘This is what the Lord Almighty said: “Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. ¹⁰ Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.”

¹¹ ‘But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and covered their ears. ¹² They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So the Lord Almighty was very angry.

¹³ ““When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen,” says the Lord Almighty. ¹⁴ “I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations, where they were strangers. The land they left behind them was so desolate that no one travelled through it. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.”

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

Second Reading A reading from Mark 10: 13-16

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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

Musical Worship

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus / How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring children to His glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Sermon

The Most Reverend Mark MacDonald

National Indigenous Archbishop

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Reflection

Heal Our Land

You take our lives flawed, yet beautiful.
Restore, refine: Lord, You're merciful.
Redeem, revive...

Spirit of God, breathe on Your church,
Pour out Your presence, speak through Your word.
We pray in every nation: Christ be known,
Our hope and salvation, Christ alone!

New power, new wine as divisions fall,
One church, one bride: Jesus, Lord of all.
With one voice we cry:

Spirit of God, breathe on Your church,
Pour out Your presence, speak through Your word.
We pray in every nation: Christ be known,
Our hope and salvation, Christ alone!

So, God we pray to You: Humble ourselves again.
Lord, would You hear our cry? Lord, will You heal our land?
That every eye will see, that every heart will know:
The One who took our sin, the One who died and rose.
(repeat)

And when Your kingdom comes, And when at last You call,
We'll rise to worship You alone.

Spirit of God, breathe on Your church,
Pour out Your presence, speak through Your word.
We pray in every nation: Christ be known,
Our hope and salvation, Christ alone!

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.

Anthem

Blinded by Your Grace – The Kingdom Choir

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.**

The Collect

Leader Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Each Prayer will end with the following response:

Leader Lord, in your mercy;

All **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to bring before 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

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
forevermore

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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