

Service of Morning Prayer

August 29, 2021 at 10:30 am

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

The Rev. Mark Regis, Priest-in-Charge

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

A Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

A thousand songs are not enough
To say how great You are.
The glories of Your majesty,
The triumphs of Your love.

Refrain

Awake my soul to sing,
The glories of my God and King.
Arise and praise the One,
Worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues.

You break the power of all our sin,
You set the captive free.
You make the broken heart rejoice
New life the dead receive.

Forever You are
Forever You are worthy

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 45.1-2, 7-10**

¹ My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skilful writer.

² You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed you for ever.

⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

⁸ All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.

⁹ Daughters of kings are among your honoured women;
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:
Forget your people and your father's house.

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 2 Kings 4.42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn.

'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. ⁴³ 'How can I set this before a hundred men?' his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, 'Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: "They will eat and have some left over."' ⁴⁴ Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

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

Musical Worship

Today I Awake

Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
For God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life and call me their friend.

Second Reading

A reading from the gospel of John (John 6.1-21)

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' ¹³ So they gathered them and

filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

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

Sermon

The Rev'd Elizabeth Nelson

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Reflection: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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.**

Liturgy of Farewell

Leader God of our life's journeys, we gather here to celebrate the service and friendship of Elizabeth and to ask Your blessing as she continues on the road of life. May the love we share be a bond that unites us forever, wherever we may be. May the power of Your presence bless this moment of goodbye.
All **We know that God goes with you.**

Leader As you journey onward, may you remember always that our love and appreciation for you is etched on our hearts.
All **We know that God goes with you.**

Leader As you experience the challenges of change and the insecurity of moving on, may you also experience the blessing of hope, light, and inner transformation.
All **We know that God goes with you.**

Leader As you meet the poor, the pained, the stranger on your way, may you see in each one the face of our Christ.

All We know that God goes with you.

Leader As you walk through the good times and the hard times, may you never lose sight of the shelter of God's loving arms.

All We know that God goes with you.

Leader As you question your decisions and wonder about the fruits of your choices, may the peace of God reign in your heart.

All We know that God goes with you.

Leader We praise and thank you, God of our journey, for Elizabeth who is soon to leave. We entrust her to Your loving care, knowing that You are always the Merciful Traveller and Companion on our way. Shelter her and protect her from all harm and all anxiety. May the future be a source of many enriching and transforming moments.

All Amen.

Elizabeth May God, creator of the universe, continue to bless this congregation as they grow in mission and ministry. May you, God, be the shining light they follow, the strong presence they seek, and the truth for which they strive. May each and every parishioner and staff member find strength in your abiding word and reach out to you in prayer in times both challenging and joyful.

All We know that God is with us.

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

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle,
Draw the circle wide,
Draw the circle,
Draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone,
We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle,
Draw the circle wide.

Refrain

Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still,
Let this be our song
No one stands alone!
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle,
Draw the circle wide.

In your sadness
And in your grief,
All the pain,
Seems there's no relief,
Spirit teach us to love

Without compromise
Draw the circle,
Draw the circle wide.

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*
Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours 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:

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

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.

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.

Announcements

Closing Worship

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone.

Refrain

O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forever more
For endless days, we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

The Dismissal

Elizabeth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

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**In our prayers this week:
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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.