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Sunday, June 13, 2021

11am

*Second Sunday after Trinity
Third Sunday of Pentecost*

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines (effective June 11) of having no more than ten people on site.

The love of God hath been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. *Romans 5.5*

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our

life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Responses are sung.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite (sung by quartet)

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 the 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.

Today, O that ye would hear his voice:
'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me,
proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said,
“It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways”;

Unto whom I swear in my wrath,
That they should not enter into my rest.’

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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAMUEL

1 Samuel 15.36-16.13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 20

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble;
the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary,
and strengthen thee out of Sion;

Remember all thy offerings,
and accept thy burnt sacrifice;

Grant thee thy heart's desire,
and fulfil all thy mind.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of our God:
the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth this anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven,
even the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses;
but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down, and fallen;
but we are risen and stand upright.

O Lord, save the king,
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

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.

Reading Mark 4.26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is mightripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Jubilate (Psalm 100)

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(sung by quartet)

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Minister: I believe in God

All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Responses are sung.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **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. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Homily Rev'd Judy Steers

Hymn 103 Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

*Almighty God, thy word is cast
Like seed into the ground:
Now let the dew of heaven descend
And righteous fruits abound.*

*Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy;
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.*

*Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove:
But give it root in every heart,
To bring forth fruits of love.*

*Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Thy quickening grace bestow;
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving power may know.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE **Plein Jeu from Suite du Deuxième Ton**

L.N. Clerambault

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Stelmacovich, nephew of Christina Stelmacovich, from the parish choir

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ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE 13, 2021

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

SEEKING A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

We are seeking a new Music Director to lead our Parish Choir and our music program. The details of the job posting are available on the St. John's website. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Center and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy or contact them by email.

SPECIAL VESTRY - TUESDAY, June 15 at 7pm

Participate in a SPECIAL VESTRY on Tuesday evening on ZOOM to approve the findings of the Vision Paper which was released on Pentecost Sunday. If Vestry approves the motion to approve the findings it will authorize corporation and Parish Council to begin to research and explore how to implement this vision as we move into ministry beyond the pandemic and into the 2030's.

If you have any questions please contact the Rector or Wardens before Vestry.

CELEBRATING PRIDE

Our Bishop invites you to a special service called "Fiercely Loved: You Belong!" on Sunday June 15 at 4:00pm. It will be available on the Diocese of Niagara facebook page and YouTube Channel.

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER CELEBRATION

July 6-18

To inspire and encourage you and your friends in the summer we have cause to celebrate as we welcome some special guests to join us.

Worship services are live-streamed on the St John's YouTube Channel, and Zoom links for mid week guest speakers will be provided next month.

July 6 - [Joanna Demenjian](#) takes us to her home to explore the comfort and kindness of women who participated in the Canadian Red Cross campaign to provide quilts during the war effort.

July 11 - [Archbishop Linda Nicholls](#), Primate of Canada - guest preacher and attending Coffee Time.

July 13 - [Timothy Schmaltz](#) internationally acclaimed sculptor, takes us into his Kitchener studio and talks with us about his passion of sculpting and his faith.

July 18 - [Dr Wendy Fletcher](#), President and Vice Chancellor of Renison University College, guest preacher.

NEW GUIDELINES

With the province entering Step 1 of the Reopening Plan on June 11th, the Diocese issued new guidelines for practising ministry in churches across the diocese.

Effective June 11th the Bishop has permitted ten people to gather indoors for the purpose of creating a livestream liturgy. This allows us to welcome a quartet back this morning.

We are also allowed to hold meetings or faith formation gatherings outside with not more than ten people. The Parish Offices remain closed except for work that can not be completed from our homes.

Outdoor worship services are not permitted. Gatherings for weddings or graveside interments are permitted with numbers not exceeding local guidelines in our health district. As always for the diocese this is a cautious move recognizing the presence of the Delta variant in our community and to be aware of the most vulnerable.