

## The Gathering of the Community

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*John 8.12*

**Leader** Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

**Silence for reflection is kept.**

**All** Most merciful Father,  
forgive us our sins against you  
and against each other.  
Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses,  
that we may live in love  
as you would have us live,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**The priest says,**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

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God's love has been poured into our hearts.

**We dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**And speak of all his marvellousworks.**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord Godalmighty

**Who was and is and is to come!**

**4 Song of Good News**

*Isaiah 40.9-11*

Go up to a high mountain, \*  
O Zion, herald of joy;  
lift up your voice in strength, \*  
Jerusalem, herald of joy;  
*Canticles 77*  
Lift it up, fear not; \*  
say to the cities of Judah:  
"Behold your God!  
Behold, the Lord comes in might, \*  
comes to rule with his mighty arm;  
behold, his reward is with him, \*  
his recompense before him.  
Like a shepherd will he feed his flock, \*  
gathering the lambs in his arms;  
he will hold them to his breast \*  
and gently lead those with young."

**Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis**

**Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

**Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now**

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 17: 1-7, 16

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.  
3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
4 I give no offence with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.  
5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.  
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, \*  
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.  
16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.

**Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans**

*Romans 9:1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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## 20 The Song of Simeon

*Luke 2.29-32*

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; \*  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;  
a light to reveal you to the nations \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 14:13-21*

### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Homily**

## *The Apostles' Creed*

***Celebrant*** Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed

***All***

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

Prayers -August 2nd, 2020

***Intercessor*** Let us pray.

As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray, saying: In the Spirit we plead, hear us, O God.

O God, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord. In the Spirit we plead:

**People** hear us, O God.

*Intercessor* O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. In the Spirit we plead:

**People** hear us, O God.

*Intercessor* To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead:

**People** hear us, O God.

*Intercessor* O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead:

**People** hear us, O God.

*Intercessor* O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, all the sick especially those we name silently before you. Give health and peace to all. In the Spirit we plead:

**People** hear us, O God.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mary Magdalene, its participation in the Parkdale Deanery weekly meal program, refugee support, annual HIV/AIDS walk, and its education programs on Truth and Reconciliation; for St. Mary, Richmond Hill, its involvement in the Out of the Cold program, Home on the Hill supportive housing initiative, Richmond Hill Community Food bank, and refugee sponsorship projects; and for St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole, its Good Food Market, after-school reading program at Forest Manor Public School, support for Oriole Food Space, Moorelands "Baby Bundles" programmes, parishioners who volunteer in the community including North York General Hospital, and education and advocacy for Truth and Reconciliation. In the Spirit we plead:

*People* hear us, O God.

*Intercessor* O God, we pray for the dead especially those we name silently before you. On the last day gather us all into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead:

*People* hear us, O God.

O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

*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 those who 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.

Hymn

COVID Prayer

Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Closing Music