

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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Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

And a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

And the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it,

And his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

**And we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

5 The Lord's Servant

Isaiah 53.3-6

He was despised; he was rejected, *
a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.
As one from whom people hide their faces, *
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Ours were the sufferings he bore, *
ours the torments he endured,
while we thought he was being punished, *
struck by God and brought low.
He was pierced for our sins, *
bruised for no fault but ours.
His punishment has won our peace, *
and by his wounds we are healed.
We had all strayed like sheep, *
all taking our own way;
but the Lord laid on him *
the guilt of us all.
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: A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of

Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 105

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.

3 Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Hallelujah!

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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21 God's Plan of Salvation

Ephesians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
who has blessed us in Christ
with all the spiritual blessings of heaven.
God chose us in Christ
before the world was made *
to be holy and blameless,
and to live by his love in his presence.

God planned through Jesus Christ *
to bring us to himself as his children,
that we might praise the glory of his grace, *
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

In Christ we gain redemption;
through his blood our sins are forgiven. *

How rich is the grace of God!

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 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 30th, 2020

Intercessor Let us pray.

The Canaanite woman pressed upon Jesus her needs and was heard. With expectant faith, let us place before God earnest petitions for ourselves and our world, saying: Lord, have pity on us.

For our world, in need of healing, in search of a savior, yet far from Jesus, let us call out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Intercessor For the churches and their leaders, at times narrowed by institutional concerns and blind to differing manifestations of faith, let us call out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Intercessor For those who are troubled by demons of mind and body, for those who must watch others suffer, let us call out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Intercessor For those whose faith is impelling them beyond the limits of society and the constraints of culture, let us call out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Intercessor For all of us here present, for those whose faith is known to God alone, and for those intentions we hold deep in our hearts, let us call out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Intercessor For the homeless, the hungry, and the sick especially *[name silently or aloud...]* and for those known only to you, that they may find comfort and healing in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes, let us cry out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Olave, Swansea, its support of a weekly mobile soup kitchen, a project to help children in Romanian orphanages, and its partnerships with community arts and outreach organizations; for St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering, its food bank, scholarship program, shelter clothing program, and support of the Durham Region HIV/AIDS ministry and other local community initiatives; and for St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, its Food Bank ministry, monthly services at two retirement homes, and sponsorship of a foster child through World Vision, let us cry out to the Lord.

People Lord, have pity on us.

Infinite God, we have no claim to your mercy; yet it is your mercy we so desperately need. Turn your ear toward our supplications, and grant us your healing touch. We ask this with faith in the name of Jesus, who is saviour of the world and one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect

Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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