

Morning Prayer, Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Welcome; announcements

**Sentence**

A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” *Matthew 3.17*

Hymn 101 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**The Penitential Rite**

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*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.**

*all stand*

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, EXULTEMUS DOMINO. Psalm 95.

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.

TO-DAY, 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

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the

light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 29**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.  
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.  
9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

BENEDICTUS. St Luke 1. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; / for  
he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, /  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, /  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies, /  
and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
/ and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our  
forefather Abraham, / that he would grant us  
That we being delivered out of the hands of  
our enemies / might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, / all  
the days of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet  
of the Highest: / for thou shalt go before the face  
of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto  
his people/ for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God; /  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath  
visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and  
in the shadow of death, / and to guide our feet  
into the way of peace.

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.

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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Hymn 146 - 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Sermon

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified**

**under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son**

**he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic**

**and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism**

**for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the people

Let us pray

Lord have mercy upon us,

**Christ have mercy upon us**

Lord have mercy upon us,

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

*The Collect*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

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 we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called. [*Silence.*] Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this new year. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown us. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world, that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the sick especially for *[Names in Parish]*, and for those known only to you, that their sickness may be turned to health and that they may once again join us in our work and worship. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Pray for Christ Church-St. James, its refugee sponsorship, food pantry, and support of Stonegate Community Ecumenical Ministry; for Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa, its support of the Gate 3:16 drop-in centre, Luke's Place, Simcoe Hall Settlement House food bank, Cornerstone men's hostel, St. Vincent's Kitchen, Mary Street School snack program, and the Pikangikum Water Project; and for the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown, its monthly community and seniors' lunches, refugee support, and "Christmas for Kids Year-Round" program of practical and spiritual support for vulnerable families. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* In our own Deanery of Peterborough we offer our prayers for, St. James', Emily, The Rev. Canon Milton Barry, and Deacon: The Rev. Frank Tyrrell. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. *[Silence.]* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

**Omniscient God, you know our thoughts and needs better than we ourselves. Accept the prayers which we now offer, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COVID prayer this Sunday and others at: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/covid-19-resources>

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General thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such an awareness of your mercies that with truly

thankful hearts, And that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, And by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life Father as you are good and loving and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

#### Announcements

#### Benediction Prayer

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light

Of His countenance upon you,

The Lord