

## 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!**

**Venite**

*Psalm 95. 1-7*

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!  
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 Genesis**

*Genesis 25:19-34*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

    "Two nations are in your womb,  
        and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
    the one shall be stronger than the other,  
        the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 119:105-112**

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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

*Romans 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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People: Thanks be to God

## 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 13:1-9, 18-23*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*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 -July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Through baptism we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the church, that we might be faithful, willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to newness, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For this parish, that we might be eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For our nation, town, and neighbourhood, that we might be advocates of the lowly, defenders of liberties, and models of justice, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, those who are addicted, those who are despondent, let us pray to the Lord.

***People*** Lord, have mercy.

*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 pray to the Lord.

***People*** Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Luke, Peterborough, its Thrift Shop and Food Cupboard, financial and practical support of outreach in the local and wider community, and needs assessment survey; for St. Margaret in-the-Pines, its Caring Hands and Back Pack ministries and support of community outreach organizations; and for St. Margaret, Barrie, its Food Shelf and support of the Barrie Food Bank, and its support of Barrie Out of the Cold and the David Busby Street Centre, let us pray to the Lord.

***People*** Lord, have mercy.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
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

### Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. Amen.