

## 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!**

**Jubilate**

*Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.  
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 28:10-19a*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

**Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23**

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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

*Romans 8:12-25*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,

the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **9 A Song from Ezekiel**

*Ezekiel 36.24-28*

I will take you from the nations,  
and gather you from every country,  
and bring you home to your own land.  
I will pour clean water upon you,  
purify you from all defilement,  
and cleanse you from all your idols.  
A new heart I will give you,  
and put a new spirit within you;  
I will take from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
I will put my spirit within you,  
make you walk in my ways  
and observe my decrees.  
You shall dwell in the land  
I gave to your forebears;  
you shall be my people  
and I will be your 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 13:24-30,36-43*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these

weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*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 19th, 2020

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Come to prayer, all who labour and are heavy laden, and God will give us rest.  
Come to praise, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the revelation of your gift of abundant life and for the rest  
coming to those who put their trust in you. For such life and rest,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We thank you for entrusting us with the message of grace, that we might speak  
a reconciling word to our age. For such mercy,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We thank you for leading us into the ways of peace and for transforming  
weapons of war into tools of charity. For such peacemaking,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We thank you for the people of faith who surround us and for the family and  
friends, teachers and clergy who assist our growth in grace. For such  
companions through life,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We thank you for the gifts of creation and for wholesome times of recreation. For such times of harmony,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We thank you for those who tend the sick, accompany the frustrated, visit the lonely, comfort the dying, confront the addicted, or minister to any in need. For such attention to human anguish,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We thank you for sustaining all who are oppressed, all who suffer for reasons of conscience, all who are passionate for justice. For such signs of the coming kingdom,

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* That we together with those in our families and in our communities, those who suffer from illness and disease, loneliness and despair especially [*name silently or aloud...*], and those we name silently before you, may bask in the warmth and joy and love of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Margaret, New Toronto, its monthly community dinners and Christmas “Among Friends” event, Deacon’s Cupboard, participation in the Lakeshore Out of the Cold program, refugee sponsorship, and its support of local outreach initiatives; for St. Mark, Midland, its involvement in an Out of the Cold program, support of the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre, support of the Next Door transitional home for teens, and refugee sponsorship; and for St. Mark, Port Hope, its support of the Green Wood Coalition, Fare Share food bank, the Benevolent Society Fund, and its social justice education series.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

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,

your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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