

Morning Prayer, Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Welcome

**Sentence**

A I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

*John 15.5*

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 Judges.

*Judges 4:1-7*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" into your hand."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 123**

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*

until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

and of the derision of the proud.

**King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.**

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 sware 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 first letter to the Thessalonians

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each

according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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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

**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 thyname,  
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***

Almighty God,  
You sent your Son Jesus Christ  
To be the light of the world.  
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
And bring us to eternal light and joy;  
Through the power of him  
Who is alive 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.*

Prayers –November 15th, 2020

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

The day of the Lord is soon upon us, a day not of wrath but of salvation. As children of the light and of the day, let us await the coming of the Lord in prayer on behalf of the human family around the world, saying: O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.

Let us pray for those who are not ready for the coming of the Lord, for the unbelieving, the skeptical, the scorners, that they may be brought to faith and rejoice to confess the name of the Lord. O God, for the sake of Christ.

***People* have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those who use their lips and lives to proclaim the good news of Christ's return, that they may persist in their zeal, empowered and emboldened through the gifts of your Spirit. O God, for the sake of Christ,

***People* have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those who, with joy and longing, await the return of the Messiah, that they may not grow weary in well-doing, but witness to the immediate and everlasting promise of our holy Redeemer. O God, for the sake of Christ,

***People* have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those whose lives are marked by hunger and need, grief and loneliness, anger and strife, discord and uncertainty, that each may be assured of the grace and mercy of God. O God, for the sake of Christ,

***People* have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those who suffer affliction of any kind, that God, their constant companion and champion, may grant them healing and hope and life. O God, for the sake of Christ,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those who are prevented from praying with us, the persecuted and their persecutors, that each may be convinced of the good news of Jesus Christ and respond with faith and commitment. O God, for the sake of Christ,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for ourselves, that the Spirit will ready us for the return of our Saviour and King, that we may enjoy forever the exhilarating life awaiting the faithful in heaven. O God, for the sake of Christ,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Aurora, its “Clothes Closet” second-hand store, weekly “Welcome Table” community meal, refugee sponsorship, participation in a campaign to provide clean and accessible water to First Nations communities, and education projects on Indigenous issues; for Trinity, Barrie, its support for the David Busby Centre, “Bucket Brigade” for the Women and Children’s Shelter, Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County, and participation in community meal programs through the local Salvation Army; and for Trinity, Bradford, its involvement in a local food bank and community supper, and its second-hand shop, O God, for the sake of Christ,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the homeless, the hungry, and the sick especially [**Names in Parish**] 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, O God, for the sake of Christ,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

**Because you are God, you hear our prayers. Because you are merciful, you promise to answer. We commend to you, merciful God, ourselves and those for whom we pray, through the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### COVID prayer

#### 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.**

Hymn 415 All things bright and beautiful

Announcements

Benediction Prayer

The lord bless you and keep you.....