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Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe.

Third Sunday after Pentecost. June 13, 2021

Morning Prayer

(Adapted from the Book of Alternative Services.)

Officiant: O Lord, open Thou our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord is our refuge and our strength:

People: O come, let us worship.

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.

The Proclamation of the Word. 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul, and the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over

Saul"? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out to Bethlehem, to the house of Jesse, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made six of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and returned to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The psalm is: # 20

The LORD answers you in the day of trouble! *The name of the God of Jacob protects you!*

May he send you help from the sanctuary, *and give you support from Zion.*

May he remember all your offerings, *and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.*

May he grant you your heart's desire, *and fulfill all your plans.*

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. *May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.*

Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; *he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.*

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, *but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.*

They will collapse and fall, *but we shall rise and stand upright.*

Give victory to the king, *O LORD; and answer us when we call.*

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we

would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Affirmation of Faith. The Apostles' Creed.

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

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.

Gospel: The Holy Gospel Of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To Mark. (Mark 4:26-34)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also

said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; He did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Today, we see the continuation of last week's reading about Saul's selection as the new King of the Israelites. We also see that God is unhappy with that selection because Saul does not follow in the ways of Yahweh, as Samuel did. So, Samuel is ordered by God to go to the house of Jesse, and once it is determined which of his seven sons God has shown favour upon, Solomon will anoint him as the legitimate future King of Israel. So, David is chosen. The interesting thing to note here is that this all happened in the little town of Bethlehem, and to show how the Old and the New Testaments are connected, we will recall that another King would be born there in the future. In Micah (5,2) we read "He will be born into the tribe of Judah, in the town of Bethlehem, and out of you will come for me one who will be ruler of all Israel, whose origins are of old, from ancient times. Also, in Isaiah (11,1) we are told that "a shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, the father of King David." Then, remember the third verse of the Christmas hymn "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" which says, "To you in David's town today, is born of David's line, a saviour who is Christ the Lord, and this will be the sign." These are reminder that much of what Jesus did, and said, was to fulfill the Old Testament scriptures. And, we are unable to understand the New Testament without first understanding the old

In today's epistle, Paul continues to tell the people of Corinth that there will be a consequence for their evil doing. He is particularly upset about those who had recently been converted to being followers of Christ – because they ought to know the difference. And yet, he is very quick to praise those who do good. We see the beginning here of a false teaching that had crept into the early Church. Some false teachers had claimed that since Christ had died for our sins, we can no longer do any wrong – so that we are now free to enjoy all the temptations of the flesh without any worry. Paul spends a considerable amount of time counteracting this teaching. His point is that if we live in the "flesh" we are naked and separated from God. Paul says that we will all one day have to stand before a Judge who will demand an accounting and perhaps even a punishment. He is quick to add however, that the faithful will also be rewarded. Finally, he demands of the faithful flock in Corinth to spread this news to others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd about sowing seed. Many people do not understand the meaning of this parable, but he explained it privately to his disciples. The seed is the word – the Good News – the key to the Kingdom of God. Some seed will fall on dry ground and will either be carried off by the birds or perish. Some will fall on good soil, and will be nourished, and will flourish. Even the smallest seed, like the mustard seed, can grow exceedingly big.

It is interesting here that Jesus deliberately did not explain this to the crowds who followed him. Has he already begun to fear the reaction of the Sanhedrin? Perhaps he knows that his true followers will have the necessary depth of faith to “see” what his message is – and the others who will simply be blind in a world which is dark outside the presence of God.

After all these readings we are left with the challenge of determining how we can interpret Christ’s message in our modern world. Saint Paul would say that If we are his real disciples, we will see or understand that even our smallest efforts to sow the seed, or spread the word, can have a huge impact. Because we are all different – but yet all the same in the eyes of our creator, He will give to each of us those gifts, or abilities, which will enable us to assist in the growth of His Kingdom. A kind word to someone who is hurting, or an understanding gesture, can make all the difference in the world to others. And, often, we will never know how much difference our small acts of faithfulness will have in the lives of others. May God Bless each one of us, as we strive to sow the seeds in our own lives, and strengthen us for whatever tasks he calls us to perform. And, may He nourish us, and our efforts, so that we too can be a part of his Kingdom. For ever and ever. AMEN

Intercessions and Thanksgivings: LITANY # 1.

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “*Lord, have mercy.*”)

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For this town of Metcalfe, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

For all who have died (especially . . .), let us pray to the Lord. * “***Lord, have mercy.***”

Remembering Saint Barnabas and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God. * “***To you, O Lord.***”

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now 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; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

In the worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for the Anglican Communion of the Church of Nigeria

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the church of St. Alban the Martyr, Mattawa The Reverend Karen Galt, Priest-in-Charge; and for St. Margaret of Scotland, Rutherglen, The Reverend David Shields, Priest-in-Charge.

We ask you to watch over all our parish family, remembering especially Zachariah, Marjorie, Cheryl, Jeanette, Roy, Emerson, Irene, Glenda, and their families.

The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer:

Officiant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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*

Dismissal: