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Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. June 27, 2021

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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.***

All: **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.**

The Lord is our refuge and our strength: ***O come, let us worship.***

Psalm 19 1–6

The heavens declare the glory of God, * **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
One day tells its tale to another, * **and one night imparts its knowledge to another.**
Although they have no words or language, * **and their voices are not heard,**
Their sound has gone out into all lands, * **and their message to the ends of the world.**
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;**
it rejoices like a champion to run its course. * **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; * **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The Proclamation of the Word.

First Reading - A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no

dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!
2 SAMUEL 1:1, 17-27

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

REFRAIN: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.**

Second Reading - A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the

synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.
MARK 5:21-43

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

As we read through the pages of the Old Testament we often tend to gloss over the more uncomfortable parts. Today's lesson is a good example. We tend to forget that the prevailing attitude of the time was "AN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH." We can't forget that when Yahweh brought the Israelites out of the desert into the promised land, the inhabitants there had to be defeated militarily. Killing and cruelty were common occurrences. Today's reading tells of a battle near the Sea of Galilee in which the Philistines defeat the Israelites and both Saul and his son die. (Remember that Saul was the people's choice – but not God's choice.) Things are not looking good. But while you and I both know that David, who, at this stage, is working in the background, will save them – they don't know it yet.

Today's Psalm stresses the need to reach out to God in times of trouble – beseeching Him to calm the raging waters that threaten to engulf us.

Interestingly, Paul is again this week on the case of the recently converted Christians in Corinth. He calls on them to raise money for the Mother Church in Jerusalem which is having financial difficulties. The problem is that the early Church in Corinth can not agree among themselves and when Christians can not be "like-minded" – no good thing can come of it. He reminds them that Jesus was rich beyond all measure – being equal to God – but became poor so that in giving his life – we might all become rich.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus in the midst of his short ministry. (We don't often realize that his ministry only lasted about three years from the time he called his Disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee before he was crucified.) He is now attracting attention from the Jewish authorities, which is a problem for Him because he knew the fate awaiting him. He had so much to do and so little time to accomplish it. No wonder he frequently tells his followers to not tell anyone about it. Remember that the whole land at this time was under Roman occupation and that Rome had threatened the Jewish authorities to keep the peace or else the brutal army legions would intervene. Fearing that the miracles of Jesus would cause religious attention and disquiet, spies were sent out to observe Him at every move, and to trick him if they could.

So, He continues non-stop and attracts huge throngs of followers. After calming the storm at sea, He cures a demoniac, and He brings a dead girl back to life. (He will do this again with Lazarus

in Bethany.) He also cures a woman with a dreadful continuous hemorrhage even though he doesn't realize it until he feels the healing power going out of Him. Just by touching the hem of His garment she is healed immediately. But, all of these acts are being noticed by everybody, especially the spies sent out to observe him. And of course, even one of his own inner circle, Judas Iscariot, is noticing too. Even at this early stage, the intrigue is twirling about him. And, the disciples don't realize this, yet.

It seems that our Church, even from the earliest times of Jesus and his ministry, has been the subject of suspicion and doubt. Very rarely has the Church been completely like-minded and the challenge has always been there to seek unanimity and concord. Paul would certainly be troubled with this and his epistles to the Corinthians bear this out. The early Church would eventually have to develop three Creeds so that the definition of membership would be made absolutely clear. These would be repeated over and over by the congregations, as we continue to do today, so that there would be no doubts, nor any need for individual interpretations. And yet, even in our modern Church of today, we continue to struggle.

And now, as I said last week, I remind you that our whole Diocese is undergoing a renewed look at the way we shape ministry. It is a formal process whereby we will be, along with all other Parishes and Congregations of the Diocese, looking in detail at our vision for the future. You have all received five basic questions, and shortly you will be receiving a follow-up, which are asking you for your thoughts. Please take the time to respond to them. You can do this anonymously if you wish. It is critically important however that you respond. As we consult with the Diocesan renewal teams, we really need to have your input. If you are uncertain about any part of this process, or have any questions please let us know.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings: LITANY # 3

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**")

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for *Shane* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for *Metcalfe* and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, that they may be strengthened in the faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Renfrew, The Reverend Carol Hotte, Priest-in-Charge. The Parish of West Quebec. St. Paul's Shawville, Holy Trinity Radford, Holy Trinity Danford Lake, Christ Church Maniwaki (Chapel), St. George's Thorne Centre (Chapel), St. James Wright (Chapel), St. Stephen's Kazabazua (Chapel), St. John's Moorhead (Chapel), St. Matthews Charteris (Chapel), St. Stephen's Greermount (Chapel), St. George's Portage-du-Fort (Chapel), St. Thomas Bristol (Chapel), The Reverend Eric Morin and The Reverend Susan Lewis. We pray for St. Thomas the Apostle, Stittsville, and their priest The Reverend Lee Lambert.

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

The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love fulfils the law.
May we love you with all our heart,
all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,
and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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*

