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Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. 11 July 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.**

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 light and our life: **O come, let us worship.**

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.**

The Proclamation of the Word.

First Reading: A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL:

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on

a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes. 2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B -19

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm # 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. ***The King of glory shall come in.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?" ***The King of glory shall come in.**

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. ***The King of glory shall come in.**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation." ***The King of glory shall come in.**

Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. ***The King of glory shall come in.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ***The King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." ***The King of glory shall come in.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ***The King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." ***The King of glory shall come in.**

Second Reading: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. EPHESIANS 1:3-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason, these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was

deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. MARK 6:14-29.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON:

Our Lectionary these weeks takes us through the earliest periods of Israel's settlement in the Promised land. They begin to realize, often painfully, that it is only with God's help can battles be won. However, in one battle they not only were defeated, but the Ark was taken away from them. No sooner had the Philistines captured it however when they came down with the Plague. Blaming it on the Ark, they returned it. (We remember that the ark was venerated by the Israelites as an ornate box, or tent, wherein Yahweh lived and they always carried it with them as a sign that God was present with them, including throughout the exodus from Egypt.) David then processed with the Ark to Jerusalem.

As we noted last week, it was King David's intention to make Jerusalem both the political and the religious centre of the nation. We should also note today that at this time, David had the authority to perform the sacrifice – but from then on only Priests could do so. As it is significant that as was performing the sacrifice at the entrance to Jerusalem, he incurred the wrath of at least one member of the community. This perhaps is a foretaste of the way in which Jesus would be rejected by his own people. Some would argue that it also a foretaste of the way in which future leaders would always be subjected to criticism.

Our Gospel today is an unpleasant one. King Herod is learning more and more about the miracles that Jesus is Performing, and he was growing more and more concerned. Then, there is John the Baptist. (Remember that he and Jesus were being carried in the wombs of their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, at the same time. And the very first act of Jesus when he began to perform his ministry was to be baptised by John in the Jordan River.) John, who had been baptising and foretelling the coming of Jesus, had declared that it was wrong for a man to marry his brother's wife. By saying this he incurred the wrath of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, to whom he is now married. This caused him to be beheaded and his head paraded on a platter. It is just the beginning of sufferings for those who publicly declared that they were followers of Jesus and lived in his ways. Some will be reminded here of the start-point of our own Church of England, when another King, Henry the eighth, did not care to listen to the moral judgements of the Church.

Once again, we are reminded that there are bound to be challenges when we try to live our lives in ways that are pleasing to God. In the Old Testament God would get angry with those who were disobedient. In the New Testament Jesus reminds us that God loves us all and that he will always be attentive to the needs of all those who call upon him. (Although Paul would often suggest that God would punish those who were disobedient.) In many ways we find ourselves today in this same boat. The challenge of both interpreting our faith and living up to very hard

standards are very heavy tests. And yet, we must not forget the injunction of both Testaments, that God is always faithful to us if we be faithful to him. Jesus, of course, adds to this by indicating that faithfulness to God always implies a faithfulness to one another.

In our own lives, may we be earnest in prayer and seek always the presence of God in our lives. May we find our ways clearer and our challenges overcome. May we find reassurance in that we remain faithful to our Creator God and faithful to one another. And, on our continuing journeys through life, may we be safely guided through to our life's end.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings:

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Staff of our Diocesan Office:

The Rt. Reverend Shane Parker, The Venerable Linda Hill, The Reverend Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs, Sanjay Grover, Jane Scanlon, Carol Sinclair, Ringo Morella, Bill Gilbert, Sandra Purdy, Glenn Lockwood, Heidi Fawcett, Heidi Pizzuto, Ishita Ghose, Safiyah Rochelle, Titilayo Oyefi, and Krista Bastien.

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

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:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Today, we make an important announcement. In accordance with an easing of Covid 19 restrictions, our Diocese has amended the regulations pertaining to the opening of our churches. In essence, we are now permitted to move from "RED to AMBER." In a covering letter from Bishop Parker, he indicates that each congregation is now permitted to open our churches to limited public worship. He also recommends that we should consider making it a significant transition by closing our worship completely for one Sunday and then re-opening the following Sunday. He appreciates that our core teams who prepare the services faithfully every week on ZOOM are getting tired and need a break. So, after a meeting this week of the Congregation leadership and Priest, it has been decided that:

July 18th – Holy Trinity will be closed completely. No Service. No ZOOM Service.

July 25th – Holy Trinity will re-open for in-person worship.

(A letter from the Wardens will explain this plan in more detail.)