

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe
Morning Prayer Sept 26, 2021

The Gathering of the Community

Leader: Good morning and welcome to our service of Morning Prayer today.

Leader: The churches of our Diocese stand on the traditional territories of the Algonquin and Mohawk Peoples.

All: **May we dwell on these lands always with respect and peace.**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your greatness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand at work in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Leader: **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.**

All: **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**

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Leader: The Lord is our light and life.

All: **O come, let us worship.**

Leader: Seated let us say the VENITE: 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.

All: **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 Book Of Esther

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

REFRAIN We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

Second reading - A reading from The Letter Of James

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. JAMES 5:13-20

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has

lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." MARK 9:38-50

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us stand and confess our faith as we say,

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

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Leader: The Prayers of the People

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world saying "God of love; hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We ask your grace for Shane our bishop, Michael our priest and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We seek your peace and justice in our world, our Country; and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for, especially those in our parish family – Kirsten, Graham, Irene, Howard, Zachariah, Marjorie, Cheryl, Roy, Jeanette, and those who are on each of our hearts and minds this morning knowing that you are doing for them better things than they can ask or imagine.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to you all who have died, that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer.**

Leader: We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

All: **God of love; hear our prayer. Amen**

Leader: We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. Amen

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God. Let us pray

All: **Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of his word and the example of his life, for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation, for his dying, through which he overcame death, for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may know Christ and make Him known, and through him, at all times and in all places may give thanks to you in all things. Amen

Leader: Let us now pray our collect for the day:

All: **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples,**

to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Leader: Thanks be to God

All: **Alleluia**

Leader: Let us say the Grace together

All: 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