

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Service of Morning Prayer

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Welcome

Celebrant: We acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation. All: **In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and uphold our continuing responsibility as treaty people.**

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **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 forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Invitatory

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

Venite

Leader: 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 sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

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.

Reader: The first reading is from Numbers 14: 26 – 45

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: “How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’ I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me.

They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die.” So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it—these men who were responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord. Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived. When Moses reported this to all the Israelites, they mourned bitterly. Early the next morning they set out for the highest point in the hill country, saying, “Now we are ready to go up to the land the Lord promised. Surely we have sinned!”

But Moses said, “Why are you disobeying the Lord’s command? This will not succeed! Do not go up, because the Lord is not with you.

You will be defeated by your enemies, for the Amalekites and the Canaanites will face you there. Because you have turned away from the Lord, he will not be with you and you will fall by the sword.” Nevertheless, in their presumption they went up toward the highest point in the hill country, though neither Moses nor the ark of the Lord’s covenant moved from the camp. Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and attacked them and beat them down all the way to Hormah.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: The Psalm is Psalm 67, said responsively

May god be merciful to us and bless us,

All: **show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All: **your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: **let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: **let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase;

All: **may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

May God give us his blessing,

All: **and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, light of the earth and health of the nations; you lead us in the way of justice and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: A Reading from Acts 15 1-12.

Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad.

When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and elders met to consider this question. After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 8:26-39)

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

Celebrant: Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had

worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection

Hear, O Israel

All: **Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People - Litany #9

Reader: Let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate. We pray for the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sacred Circle and Archbishop Mark MacDonald, St. John the Baptist, Richmond and the Reverend Allan Budzin and the Parish of Maberly-Lanark and the Reverend Dr. Ron Hunt. We pray also for all church musicians serving in our Diocese especially Helen and Beth.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: We pray for those in our community who have asked for our petitions, especially Howard, Irene, Zachariah, Marjorie, Sarah, Roy, Jeanette, Cheryl and all those we hold in our hearts.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect

Celebrant: O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Saviour Christ 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.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

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