

Second Sunday After Pentecost
A Service of Morning Prayer
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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.

Before we begin our service this morning, I invite you to join me in a special prayer for all those across our country who are facing wildfires, and for people around the world whose lives have been affected by tragic weather events.

O God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble. Have mercy on the lands damaged by fires. Have mercy on the lands where the weather has destroyed livelihoods. Protect those who evacuate their homes, and strengthen those who rebuild hope so that entire communities may face the future without fear. Amen.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 33 vs 1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp;
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the Lord is right,
And all his works are sure.

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and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin

And stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

Let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to pass;

He commanded, and it stood fast

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;

He thwarts the designs of the peoples.

But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,

And the designs of his heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own.

Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour.

Amen

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis (C 12, VS 1-9)

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

(All) **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound, and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

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The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Celebrant: 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

Reader: Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory. We pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa, Centre 454, St. Luke's Table; The Well/La Source, Centre 105 (Cornwall), Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, Refugee Ministry. We pray for the Parish of Mattawa, and the Reverend Karen Galt, and the Reverend David Shields. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ. We pray especially for those in our community who have asked for our petitions, especially Myra, Marjorie, Beth, Sarah, Roy, Howard, Irene, Louise, Zachariah, Cheryl, Richard, Deb, Jeanette, Freeman, and all those we hold in our hearts. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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