

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020 | 9:00 a.m.

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

Celebrant: Assistant Curate Christian Pichette

Preacher: Dean James McShane

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Congregation: **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.**

Presider: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

HYMN #354 \ Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

¹ Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

² Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

³ O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and dies for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son." 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac,

she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45:11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honour.
The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favour."
All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15–25a

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL ALLELUIA

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

GRADUAL ALLELUIA

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Presider: Let us confess our faith as we say,
Congregation: **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: For all people in their daily life and work;
Congregation: **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**
Presider: For this community, our country, and the world;
Congregation: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
Presider: For the just and proper use of your creation;
Congregation: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
Presider: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
Congregation: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**
Presider: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
Congregation: **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**
Presider: For Anne our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
Congregation: **For all who serve God in the Church.**
Presider: For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Presider: Hear us, Lord.
Congregation: **For your mercy is great.**
Presider: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Presider: We will exalt you, O God our king;
Congregation: **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Presider: We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Presider: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Congregation: **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Congregation: **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 forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Presider: Glory to God

Congregation: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for
ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN #425 \ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

¹ Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

² All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowering meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

³ Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other
lift us to the joy divine.

Text: Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), alt.

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**