

WELCOME TO
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
June 19, 2022, Second Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude & Welcome

Opening Hymn: #505 *Be Thou My Vision*

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

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God,

ALL: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: 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. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, Priscilla Koop reading

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 42 and 43

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29, Gregor Kokorz reading.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: #498 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

The Gospel Reading

Emily Herd: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

Emily: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Emily: The Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: REV. MADDIE URION

Music for Reflection: Out of the Depths

The Apostles' Creed

CELEBRANT: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (JEANETTE BUCKINGHAM LEADING)

Confession and Absolution

CELEBRANT: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The Peace

CELEBRANT: The grace of God is sufficient to meet all our needs. His power is revealed in our weakness; in our troubles he gives us his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord by waving.)

Offertory Hymn: #604 Your Word, O God a Living Sword

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

ALL: Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. . . . Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of your glory are full. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise. . . . All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRANT: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

ALL: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by crossing your arms over the chest.

Please feel welcome to use this prayer if you are joining worship online: My Jesus, I believe that you offer yourself to us in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you and desire to receive you into my soul. Since at this moment I cannot receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, believing you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separate from you. Amen.

Agnus Dei, Common Praise #747

**ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Music during Communion

Hymn after Communion: #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

Prayer after Communion

CELEBRANT: Almighty God,

ALL: guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Glory to God

ALL: 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.

The Blessing

CELEBRANT: The hand of God protect you. The peace of Christ be with you. The power of the Spirit strengthen you. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. And may you always know how beautiful and beloved you are in God's sight.

ALL: Amen.

Final Hymn: #619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Dismissal

CELEBRANT: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to everyone who assisted in worship today: Priscilla Koop, Gregor Kokorz, Emily Herd, Harry Kirkland, Jeanette Buckingham, Lynne Reckhow and members of the Altar Guild.

Prayers

In our prayers, we remember those in need: David, Erin, Nicole, Leanne, Mike, Richard, Alistair, Lorne, Adriana, Mike, Ava, Grace, Lorraine, Chandra, Shawna, Sharon, and Ann Marie.

In our world: the Diocese of Ottawa: the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop. The people of St. John the Divine, Onoway, and Cheryl, Rector. Buyé Diocese: the people of Kabanga Parish and Lazar, their Rector. Samson Cree Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalm Writing Day: Have you ever wanted to write your own lament or your praise to God? Do you need a creative outlet to express what you have on your heart? This is exactly what the psalms are for and why they exist. Please save the date for **Saturday June 24th, from 10am-12.** We'll be gathering to learn about the historical context of the psalms, how they have been used for prayer and worship over millennia, and to try our hand at writing psalms ourselves. Contact revmaddie@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

For the Coming Day is a brief weekly podcast produced by our very own Aaron Parker, which features the gospel, the collect, and a brief reflection on the gospel each week. Rev. Jon Crane typically provides the reflection, and Rev. Maddie is filling in for him while he's on sabbatical until September. You can find it on Spotify, or simply Google "For the Coming Day".

Regarding the financial life of our community, for those among us asking about e-transfers as a way to give: our e-transfer email address is stgeorgeedmonton@gmail.com

Rev. Maddie will be away on holiday from July 5th to August 2nd.

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