



MORNING PRAYER
For the Third Sunday
after Pentecost

June 9, 2024
10:00 am

St. John's
Anglican Church
West Toronto

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Today's Reading: *Psalm 24; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35, NRSV*

New around here? We're so glad to see you! Welcome to St. John's! We hope you are blessed today as we worship God together.

We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service or join us for education classes. If you have any questions about our congregation or the sermon, feel free to ask a member of the ministry team or to contact us another way. We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again.

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PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

Please stand as you are able.

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

WELCOME

CONFESSION & PRAYER FOR PARDON AND PEACE

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

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 Jesus the 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.

Officiant: 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 Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Officiant: O God, open our lips,

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

All: Make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

HYMN **Rejoice in God, All Earthly Lands**

CP 351

Rejoice in God, all earthly lands,
and lift your hands in song and prayer.
Delight to live by God's commands;
sing joyful praises everywhere.

Know this: we serve the Holy One,
to whom our restless souls belong.
We have our breath through God alone,
to whom we raise our grateful song.

Like sheep, we wander without aim
unless our shepherd's voice is heard.
In trust we call upon God's name
for daily bread and gracious word.

On God, our Maker, we depend
for love that's gracious, strong, and sure.
God's faithfulness shall never end;
from age to age it shall endure.

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Music: Tune DEUS TUORUM MILITUM, Melody Antiphoner, Grenoble, 1753.

PSALM

Please be seated.

The psalm is printed in the bulletin. Let us read responsively.

PSALM 24

The earth is God's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is God who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

“Who can ascend the hill of God and who can stand in the holy place of God?”

“Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from God and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”

Such is the generation of those who seek you, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

“Who is this glorious One?” “The Holy One, strong and mighty, the Holy One, mighty in battle.”

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

“Who is this glorious One?” “The God of hosts, the Holy One who reigns in glory.”

Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, One God.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE FIRST CANTICLE

Please stand as you are able

HYMN

God of the Sparrow

CP 414

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home.

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Music: Tune ROEDER, Carl F. Schalk © 1983 GIA Publications Inc.

SECOND LESSON

Please be seated.

A reading from the gospel of Mark.

Then Jesus went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND CANTICLE

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

CP 425

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.

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,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

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.

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Music: tune HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven; arr. Edward Hodges; Public Domain

DISCUSSION

Please be seated for the discussion.

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: I invite you now, as you are able, to stand and to join in confessing the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour.
He was conceived by 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 God.
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

Intercessor: Let us give thanks.

All: We praise and thank God.

THE COLLECT

Officiant: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE SAVIOUR'S PRAYER

Officiant: Being made one by the power of the Spirit and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All: Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers. For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen and Amen.

Officiant. May the God of peace enable us to do God's will in every kind of goodness, working in us what is pleasing to God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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HYMN

Jesus Christ is Waiting

Tune: CP 237

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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Music: tune STUTTGART, Melody Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Please be seated.

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. **CP 672**
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known.
Creator, Word and Spirit one.

HYMN The King of Glory Come CP 632

Refrain:

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory; What shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. **Refrain**

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness. **Refrain**

He gave his life for us, the Lamb of salvation; he took upon
himself the sin of the nations. **Refrain**

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision. **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

Officiant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go and serve the world God loves.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WHAT'S *happening* This Week

Wed, Jun 12

Zoom Bible Study (7 pm)

Sat, Jun 15

Food Drop-Off (9:30 – 11:30 am)

Coffee, Tea, and Creativity (10 am – 12 pm)

Sun, Jun 16

Holy Eucharist (10 – 11:30 am)

Building up for God!

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

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