

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday June 14th, 2020
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

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

All: And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

**All 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. Amen**

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

**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.**

Leader 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 forever. **Amen**

Leader May the Peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

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God of love, in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless.
Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace
may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.

Act of Praise: Draw the Circle Wide

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Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle
Round you all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
In God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons
So encompass great and small
Let our loving know no borders
Faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger
Than we've ever dreamed before
Let the dream of Christ be in us
Open every door!

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me
from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and

endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Acclamation: Hallelujah

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sung through 4 times

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that

house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed

Leader Let us confess our faith 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**

The Prayers of the People

Divine Lover, Creator of all, as we pause in prayer, we look to you with grateful hearts. Even though we are physically separated by Covid-19, we know that we are connected through your love.

In this time of prayer we offer you our thanks and praise, grateful for your faithful presence, and the opportunities to be your living Gospel in the world. We give thanks for the Reverend Cameron Gutjahr who continues to faithfully lead us to walk in your ways. We give thanks for the birth of Emmanuel, great grandson of David and Edie and ask your blessing be upon him.

Sitting in your presence we breathe in your wisdom and open ourselves to your grace, praying that you will guide us with the courage to love mightily and live compassionately.

Before you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who loves all people equally, regardless of ethnicity, gender or social status, we come now to recommit ourselves to your vision of the world.

Together we pray

for the work of justice and the healing of all creation

for the care of strangers, neighbours, family and friends

for those isolated by illness, sorrow, violence, and fear,

for those broken by the world

for those seeking peace and rest

for those who carry heavy burdens

for those who are victims of racism and discrimination

for those who are suffering physically, emotionally or spirituality

for those who are facing face death and for all who mourn.

In these times of unrest and uncertainty we pray that you will guide us to build bridges of peace and justice. Help each one of us to face our internal prejudices, biases and assumptions.

Where there is division, may we bring restoration. Where there is inequality may we bring justice. Where there is powerlessness may we lift up the broken hearted. Where there is damage may we bring healing.

In our community we pray for Elizabeth, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler, The Howe Sound Women's Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls, the patients of Squamish General Hospital and the Elders of Squamish Nation.

Holy One, these are the prayers of your people, prayed in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BE THOU MY VISION

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1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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Leader
All

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 forever. Amen

Leader
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Glory to God
**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, forever and ever. Amen**

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

St. John the Divine Prayers for June 14th, 2020

The Church

Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster - The Venerable Richard Leggett, The

Reverend Carole Neilson, The Reverend Tasha Carrothers

Holy Trinity, Vancouver – The Reverend Karl Przywala

Holy Trinity, White Rock - The Reverend Paul Richards

St. Alban, Richmond – The Reverend Paula Porter Leggett

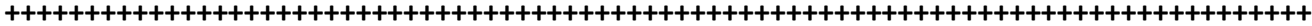
St. Alban the Martyr, Burnaby - The Reverend Gregory Jenkins

St. John the Divine, Squamish- The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

Elizabeth, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler Olfert, The Howe Sound Women's Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.



Reverend Cameron’s Reflection

The season of Easter is past, Pentecost is done, and Trinity Sunday as well. So, now we move into the Sundays after Pentecost. This is called “ordinary” time, and is marked with a new liturgical colour – green. It is not as noticeable as when we were meeting together in-person, but you might notice in the online services the change in colour at the psalm. This is a small symbol to mark the continued turning of the Church’s calendar.

This season (which is not really a season), is the longest of them all, stretching from now until Advent – weeks upon weeks of green. This time, however, is far from ‘ordinary.’ In Godly Play, a wonderful children’s ministry curriculum, it refers to this time as the “great, green, growing Sundays.”

We need this ordinary time, these ‘great green growing Sundays,’ not to go away or check-out, but for growth, to put into practice what we have learned and experienced in Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity.

I pray that in this non-season, you may feel the gift of ordinary time. I pray that we may grow into where God is calling us, into whom God has created us to be.

Thanks be to God!

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