

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



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18th 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.

Rejoice today with one accord, sing out with exultation;
Rejoice and praise our mighty Lord, whose arm hath brought salvation.
His works of love proclaim the greatness of his name; for he is God alone,
Who hath his mercy shown: let all his saints adore him!

When in distress to him we cried he heard our sad complaining;
O trust in him, what'er betide, his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise to him our hearts shall raise:
Now every voice shall say, "O praise our God always";
Let all his saints adore him!

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The Collect of the Day

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O loving God, keeper of the vineyard, support your people by your Holy Spirit, so that we may bring forth the fruits of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the eternal vine. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit

adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Psalm 19

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The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like
a champion to run its course.**
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4B-14

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Acclamation: Alleluia

sung through 4 times

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff is identical to the first, also with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' written below it.

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Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Offertory Hymn: How Great Thou Art

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O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing
sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:

That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and claim his own what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

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Leader
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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 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, forever and ever. Amen**

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

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St. John the Divine Prayers for October 4th, 2020

The Church

St. Faith, Vancouver - The Reverend Melanie Calabrigo, The Reverend
Christine Wilson

St. John the Divine Squamish – The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

Jessica, Muriel, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, The Howe Sound Women’s Centre, the
residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the patients of
Squamish General Hospital.

We pray for Stacey Spencer as she prepares for her baptism, as well as anyone
else preparing for baptism or confirmation.

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.

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Reflection on Prayer

By Stacey Spencer

Prayer, I have heard it called the World's Greatest Wireless Connection!

Well, one thing that appears to be something that Jesus taught us to do is to pray. When I read the Holy Scripture, there sure seems to be a whole lot of praying going on! Whether it is in the Old Testament, as when Hannah "pours out her soul before the Lord" (1 Samuel) or in the New Testament, where Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives and his sweat turns to blood, it is clear that one of God's greatest gifts to us is prayer. And, it's free (just sayin')!

Now, I am certainly no expert in prayer, I am still learning. I will certainly not bore you with my personal details of how I need to incorporate less sugar in my diet, more composting at home and more prayer in my day. There is always room for improvement. But what I really do know is that prayer is only good. Prayer is heart driven, prayer is cleansing, healing, uplifting, painful, full of anguish, loving, joyful, reflective. Prayer can be sung! We can pray together and as Jesus taught us "go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father", "For your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:6-9). Prayer is how we praise God, thank God, ask God for change, ask God for forgiveness and so on. It is how we intentionally converse with God. It is a way in which we connect with God.

Prayer is good for our physical health. And there is much research suggesting that prayer can improve a person's mental health, such as reducing anxiety and stress, causing lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol, lower blood pressure, and improved immune functioning. It is all interconnected. Wow! Just see how God works.

As I said, I am still learning. And one thing that I have learned from the good-hearted people here at Saint John the Divine, is that prayer is an action of love and is clearly an example of life in the Spirit. When you pray for me on my path to baptism, I feel God's light shining toward me, giving me courage and a sense of worth, you invoke this through your prayers. When you pray for my loved ones, the people that are dear to me, your prayers offer strength and healing, and show compassion. Your People's Prayers, for the community, the country, the world, the planet and all of God's creations offer hope, comfort and optimism. And the Prayer Shawl Ministry, I have witnessed God's healing power through this Ministry.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (2 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.