



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

**Sunday, February 14, 2021 — Proper 6,
Year B**

Service of the Word—Proper 2, Year B

Officiant: The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker
Reader: The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Preacher: The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker
Prayers: The Reverend Ross Bliss

Dominical Greeting & Sunday Notices

The Reverend Ross Bliss

Vicar The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Organ Prelude: Sicilienne

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

The Gathering of the Community

Collect of the Day

Revised Common Lectionary

Officiant Let us pray.

Divine Physician,
healer of bodies and souls,
stretch out your hand and touch us.
Cleanse our hearts from the sin
that separates us from you and one another.
Recreate us in your own image,
and restore us in Christ,
so that we may run the race
and receive the prize of everlasting life.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

2 Kings 5.1-14

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have raised me up *
and have not let my foes triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you *
and you have healed me.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks to his holy name.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime. *
Heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.

In my prosperity I said,
'I shall never be moved. *
You, Lord, of your goodness,
have made my hill so strong.'

Then you hid your face from me *
and I was utterly dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried; *
to the Lord I made my supplication:

'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit? *
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper.'

You have turned my mourning into dancing; *
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

Homily

Anthem: Alleluia

Affirmation of Faith

Mark 1.40-45

The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker

John Taverner (d. 1545)

standing

Officiant 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

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 forever. Amen.**

The Blessing
Hymn

Fulda (Walton) / Common Praise #592

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where cries of tribe and race resound,
amid the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, your word of love is found.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

From children's wounded helplessness,
from men and women's grief and toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long the multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.

O Jesus, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank Mason North (d.1903), alt.

The Sending Forth of the Community

Dismissal

Deacon Go now to follow Jesus, confident and in peace,
to be agents of God's healing in the world. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Voluntary: Toccata in 7

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of departed Women's Parish Guild members.

Aspirational Statements—Christ Church Cathedral has identified 10 aspirations for our life and work together as we prepare for the middle 50 years of the 21st century. To date, in this forum, we have cycled through these aspirations twice: the first time, to articulate each aspiration with an explanatory note; and the second time, to identify situations in which each aspiration is already being fulfilled. Beginning next week, we shall begin a third round, this time suggesting some ways in which we might do more, or better. This is the point at which we really hope members of the Cathedral will begin to bring their own imaginations to bear, and to call upon the rest of us to do as we say.

Assisting with Today's Liturgy

Verger Canon Elaine Ellison

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The Cathedral Consort
Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*
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