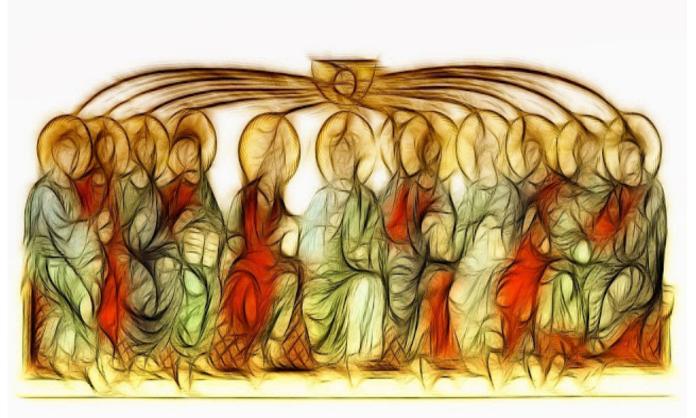




**Artist: Lucy Adams** 

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 6, 2021
MORNING PRAYER



Artist: Unknown

Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Rob Gloor

Penny Zuk Robb Watt

**Reader 1:** Heather Luccock

Reader 2: Vivian McGie

**Intercessor: Bev London** 

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy

**Sound:** Chris Wensley

Livestream: Armin and Gordon Lee

#### Welcome and Setting Intentions – Rev Sharon

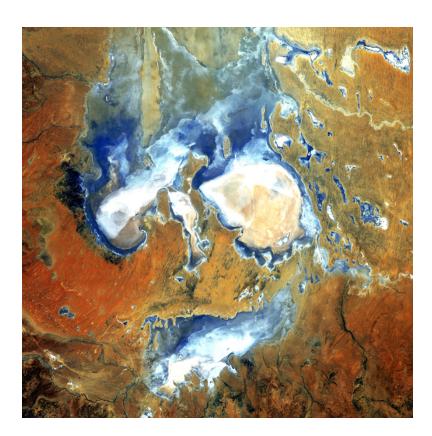
#### **Opening Hymn: For the beauty of the earth**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Christ our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Christ our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Christ our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of grace to the world so freely given, sowing in each barren place, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Christ our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.



Credit: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center/USGS

# Gathering of the community

Presider: For thousands of years,

indigenous peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Squamish and Tsleil Waututh peoples.

All: We acknowledge their stewardship of this land.

Presider: We who come from other lands
express our gratitude
for the blessing of living, working, playing,
laughing, and loving on this beautiful land.

All: Thanks be to God.

Presider: We gather in the name of God,

All: Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

# Gloria:

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's talk - Rev Sharon
Second Creation: "Falling Apart"

#### Psalm 130 (paraphrase by Nan Merrill)

The people are led by Heather Luccock

Presider: Out of the depths I cry to You!

In your Mercy, hear my voice!

May you be attentive to the

voice of my supplications!

People: If You should number the times we

stray from You, O Beloved,

who could face You?

Yet You are ever-ready to forgive,

that we might be healed.

Presider: I wait for You, my soul waits,

for in your Love I would live;

My soul awaits the Beloved

as one awaits the birth

of a child, or

as one awaits the fulfillment

of their destiny.

People:

O sons and daughters of the Light, welcome the Heart of your heart! Then you will climb the Sacred Mountain of Truth; You will know mercy and love in abundance.

All:

Then will your transgressions be forgiven; and you will know the Oneness of All. Amen



Artist: Ghislane Howard

#### First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and God.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



Artist: Denis Sarazhin

# Second Reading: A letter from Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"Excerpt from: Come be my light"

"Who Am I that You should forsake me?"

In her letter to Father Picachy of July 3, 1959, Mother Teresa again stressed that it was in obedience to God's direction that she was revealing her interior state to him:

In the darkness....

Lord my God, who am I that You should forsake me? The child of your love — and now become as the most hated one — the one You have thrown away as unwanted — unloved, I call, I cling, I want, - and there is no One to answer — no One on Whom I can cling — no, no One. —

Alone. The darkness is so dark – and I am alone – Unwanted, forsaken. -The loneliness of the heart that wants love is unbearable. – Where is my faith? – even deep down, right in, there is nothing but emptiness & darkness –

My God – how painful is this unknown pain. It pains without ceasing. – I have no faith, I dare not utter the words & thoughts that crowd in my heart- & and make me suffer untold agony. So many unanswered questions live within me – I am afraid to uncover them – because of the blasphemy – if there be God, please forgive me.

Trust that will end in Heaven with Jesus – When I try to raise my thoughts to Heaven –there is such convicting emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives & hurt my very soul. – Love – the word – it brings nothing. – I am told God loves me – and yet the reality of darkness & coldness & emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul.

Before the work started – there was so much union – love- faith -trust-prayer- sacrifice.

Did I make the mistake in surrendering blindly to the call of the Sacred Heart? The work is not a doubt – because I am convinced that It is His not mine. – I don't feel – not even a single simple thought or temptation enters my heart to claim anything in the work.

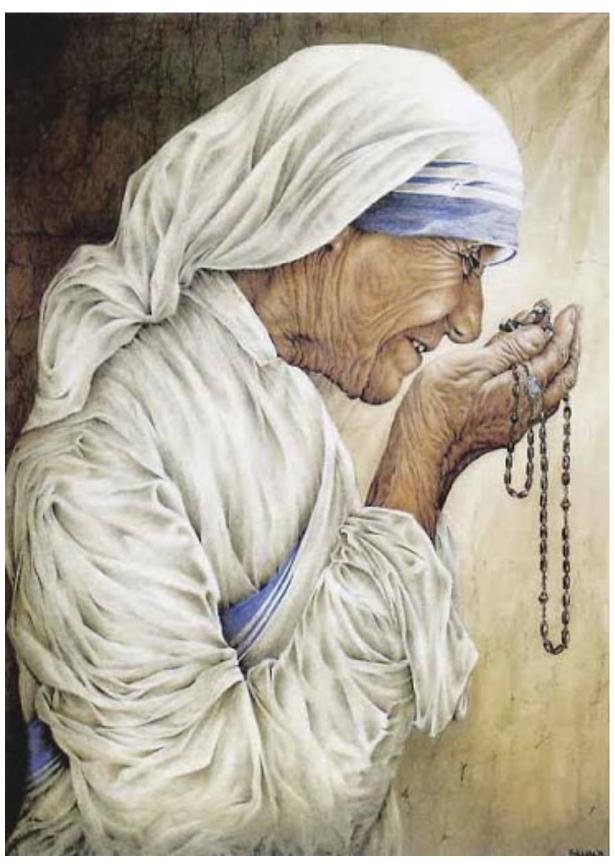
The whole time smiling – Sisters & people pass such remarks. They think my faith, trust, & love are filling my very being & that the intimacy with God and union to His will must be absorbing my heart. - Could they but know – and how my cheerfulness is the cloak by which I cover the emptiness & misery.

In Spite of all – this darkness & emptiness is not as painful as the longing for God. – The contradiction I fear will unbalance me. – What are You doing My God to one so small? When You asked to imprint Your Passion on my heart – is this the answer?

If this brings You Glory, if You get a drop of Joy from this – if souls are brought to You – if my suffering satiates Your Thirst – here I am.

Lord, with joy I accept all to the end of life - & I will smile at Your Hidden Face —always.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying, **Thanks be to God.** 



Artist: Judi Wilds

#### **Gospel Hymn: Healer of our Every Ill**

#### Refrain:

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness. Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

Refrain

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision: God of love.

Refrain

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

Refrain

#### **Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35**

In response to silencing charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demonpossessed can cast out demons.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Artist:** Ghislane Howard

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Gospel Hymn:**

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing.

Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

#### Refrain:

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

**Homily – Rev Sharon Smith** 

Reflective Silence Follows

#### **Affirmation of faith:**

Presider: Moses said...

All: Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Presider: And Jesus affirmed...

All: Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

**Prayers of the People** 



Presider: As our Saviour taught us,

let us pray in the language of our hearts:

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.



#### **Prayer of the Day:**

(Daily Prayer for all seasons, Episcopal Church USA)

Presider: Holy One,

All: in love you created us and called it good:

Grant us the deep wisdom of your love that,

wherever this day leads,

our lives may remain rooted in your goodness;

through Jesus the Christ, our Lord.

**Amen** 

#### **Announcements**

- Re-opening June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, registration opens
   Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Kamloops Residential School response
- Welcome to Rob Gloor

#### **Blessing:**

Presider: Created and called to be faithful stewards, we are sent forth by our God.

All: We will take all that is good to places of brokenness, all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.

Presider: Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples, we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

All: We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us, to every person who will bless us.

Presider: Called and filled with the very breath of peace, we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

All: We will join the Spirit in bringing life where there is fear, in offering love where hate seeks to take hold. Amen

#### **Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control. Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

# Dismissal:

(Book of Alternate Services)

Presider: Let us bless the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God!



Artist: Sarah Hornsby

# Coffee Time Follows @ Noon – 12:30pm

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