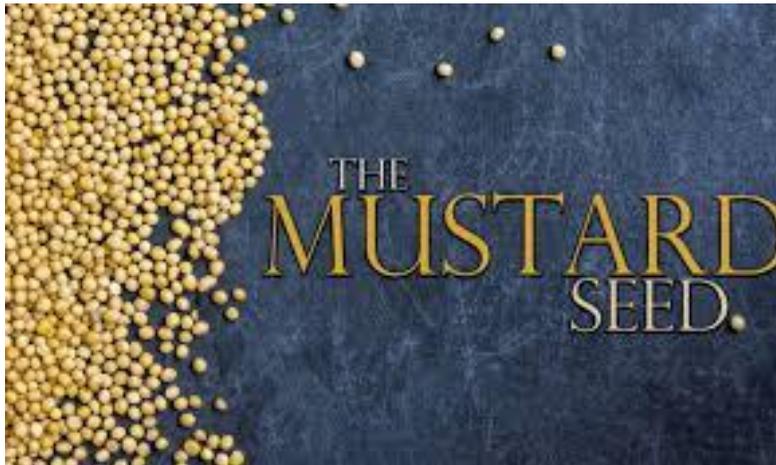


**Third Sunday after the Pentecost**  
**The Book of Alternative Services**  
**13 June, 2021**



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

Prelude: *Prelude to The Fairy Queen*, Henry Purcell (1659-95)

Setting: *Darke in E*

## Gathering Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my Lord's unchanging love!

2 Here I find my greatest treasure:  
hither by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it from thy courts above!

*Nettleton*

*Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813; American melody

Robert Robinson (1735-90)

alt. Martin Madan (1726-90)

## The Gathering of the Community (BAS p. 185)

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then may be said by the celebrant with the people,*

**Almighty God,  
to you all hearts be open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily  
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Kyrie

*Chorister*

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison  
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings *(Ruth Oliver)*

*Reader*     **A reading from the First Book of Samuel** (*1 Samuel 15.34-16.13*)

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the

horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 20** *Exaudiat te Dominus.*

- 1 THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; /  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
- 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, / and strengthen thee out of Sion;
- 3 Remember all thy offerings, / and accept thy burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, / and fulfil all thy mind.
- 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of our God: /  
the LORD perform all thy petitions.
- 6 Now know I that the LORD helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy  
heaven, / even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses; /  
but we will remember the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They are brought down, and fallen; / but we are risen and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, save the king, / and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Reader*

**A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*(2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17)*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

3 For the harvest of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*Ar hyd y nos*

Welsh traditional melody c. 1784

2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

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## The Gospel

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word

to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*(Mark 4:26-34)*

*Reader*            The Gospel of Christ  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Loving God's Story** – The Rev. Canon Barbara Stewart

**Sermon** – The Venerable Michael Thompson

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**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** *(Ruth Oliver)*

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Peace

*People* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Motet:** Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

2 His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

3 For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all: but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

4 I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

5 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Richard Hutchins (1700-1800)

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*  
Elizabeth Poston (1905-87)

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*All*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the**  
**glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Celebrant*

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

## Dismissal

*Leader*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3 Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.

4 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

5 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

6 For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Song 34*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

**Postlude:** *March from the Overture to the Occasional Oratorio, G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

**Preacher:** The Venerable Michael Thompson

**Interim Dean:** The Ven. David Selzer

**Interim Music Director:** Brad Barbeau

**Prayer List:** The Very Rev Sharon Murdoch, The Rev Don Goodwin, John Bate, Dee Padfield, Sandy, Jason, Allie and Dev Kauenhofen, Paul Robertson, Danielle Clarke, Sean Lovett, Ralph Brose, Diana Davis Duerkop, Gill Cleghorn, Carol MacDonnell, Elspeth Stevenson, Rosalind Walton, The Most Reverend Andrew Hutchison, Jean Robinson, Todd Coles, Michael and Ruth Caswell, The Parish Selection Advisory Committee. We pray for all those known to us, and those whose needs are only known to God.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Outreach St. George's Kingston, Aveleigh Kyle, George Boland. On our parish list: Abigail and Peter McIlquham, Marion McKeown, Gillian McNicholas, Frank and Margaret Milne, Clive and Shirley Milner, and their families.

**Readings for Sunday, June 20 – National Aboriginal Day of Prayer**

Isaiah 40.25-31; Psalm 19; Philippians 4.4-9; and John 1.1-18

**Sermon: Major the Rev. Catherine Askew**

**Upcoming:**

**Thursday, 17 June:** 10:30am Eucharist, The Ven. John Robertson

**Friday, 18 June:** 11:50am, Coventry Litany with Bishop Michael Oulton

**Sunday, 20 June:** 8:00am Eucharist (BCP), 10:00am Eucharist (BAS)

**In-person worship will resume 20 June at 8:00 am and 10:00am!**

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