Good morning and welcome to Midday with Gray, a midweek time of reflection, prayer and worship.

Today is Wednesday June 20th and on this day the Anglican Church commemorates Joseph Butler, past Bishop of Durham.

Together Let Us Share In A Service of the Word for the Season of Pentecost

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The Gathering

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! (**And also with you**).

Be with us, Spirit of God;

***All***   **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

***All***   **fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

***All***   **bring strength, healing and peace.**

*Silence is kept.*

The Lord is here.

***All***   **His Spirit is with us.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may follow.*

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

***All***   **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

*Reading(s)*

*In this order: Psalm First then followed by the remaining two readings of the day.*

*Psalm 119.97-104*

*This response may be used for the Epistle Reading.*

This is the word of the Lord.

***All***   **Thanks be to God.**

After the Reading, offer a short reflection on where you feel God to be present in the passage.

*Gospel Reading*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

***All***   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All***   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Offer a short reflection on the Gospel.*

## 1 Kings 3.10-12, 15

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## Mark 4.21-25

## A Lamp under a Bushel Basket

He said to them, ‘Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’ And he said to them, ‘Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.’

*This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Who is Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, and why do we commemorate him today?*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us share the two commandments of Jesus as we say:

***All***   **Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind,**

**with all your soul and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: love you neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

A Time of Prayer

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Community: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all God’s children throughout the world,

for ourselves as we pause for worship in this moment,

for our families and all those we love,

for Todd, our Bishop and all who serve and lead in our Church.

For the vulnerable of our communities.

Community: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace and goodwill among all nations,

and for the care and well-being of all people.

We deeply grieve and repent of the sins of the past that have led to the mistreatment of others, the loss of cultural identity and the deaths of innocents.

We pray for the souls of the 215 residential children found at Kamloops.

We pay that the sins of the past may cause us to strive for justice for all in the future. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Community: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, all who are sick at this time, for the hungry,

the oppressed, for all in isolation from community.

Let us pray for those in need or in trouble.

Community: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church in all its expressions,

for the ways that we are called to bring God’s hope and love to others,

and to never stop proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Community: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,

and for those whose faith is known to God alone.

We mourn today alongside sisters and brothers of the London Muslim community for the loss of a much-loved family as a result of a senseless terror attack.

We join with all Canadians who seek to put an end to ways of hatred and division within our country.

We ask for God to be present in times of suffering and to change the hearts of those who are led by prejudice, fear and hate.

Community: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks to our Gracious God for all our blessings,

and for God’s never ceasing presence in our lives.

Community: **Now and always.**

**Amen.**

*The Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

***All***   **In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

***All***   **and builds up our common life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

***All***   **and also with you.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

***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.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

The Dismissal

*This ending or a suitable blessing may be used*

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

***All***   **he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

***All***   **he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

***All***   **he will lead us in God’s holy way.**

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

*A minister may say*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All***   **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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