

## Morning Prayer July 4th

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish peoples have walked gently on the territories where we now live, work, worship and play. We seek a new relationship with the Scia'new and other first peoples here, based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
 God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**  
**Alleluia!**

*Kid's Time*

*David & the Kids*

*Hymn CP 352 Amazing Grace*

*Rachel*

*The Invitatory Jubilate Psalm 100*

*Wally*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands,  
**serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**  
 Know this: The Lord himself is God, he himself has made us, and we are his;  
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**  
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, go into his courts with praise,  
**give thanks to him and call upon his name.**  
 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*The Proclamation of the Word*

*Andrew*

*In the history of the Jewish people there is no greater person than David. Living 1,000 years BCE (Before our Common Era) he was without doubt Israel's most successful king. According to the Hebrew scriptures (our Old Testament) King David managed to unite a collection of tribes, 12 in number, to form one united people. He was also a skilful military commander as he responded to the threat that Israel faced from hostile warring nations. A song, chanted by David's supporters was this: "Saul (David's predecessor) has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." Though the number is clearly an overestimate it was during David's time as monarch that Israel enjoyed a lengthy period of national*

*security, a feature that became uncommon in the centuries that followed. We listen to a reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, chapter 5*

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

### ***Psalm 48***

*Rachel*

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world and the city of the great king. God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together. They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror. Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her for ever. We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements. Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; that you may tell those who come after. This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.

*Where Paul writes in this reading of “a person in Christ” who had a mystical experience of Paradise he is describing something that has happened to him. He also tells his readers of a physical condition that has plagued him throughout his life. As you will hear in this passage from a letter to the Christ community in Corinth he tells of “a thorn in the flesh” that, despite his prayers for relief continues to torment him. However, in spite of this constant affliction he assures his hearers that he is content for, notwithstanding his bodily weakness he remains strong. A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, chapter 12*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, Word of Life.

## ***Gospel***

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus Christ, according to  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he

laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Wally*

*Hymn CP 546 God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

*Rachel*

*Affirmation of Faith*

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

*Prayers of the People*

*Ruth*

*The Collect*

*Wally*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***The Lord's Prayer***

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 for ever. Amen.***

***Announcements***

- \* Wardens
- \* others in the congregation
- \* clergy

***Hymn CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

*Shirley*

Let us Bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.