

August 23, 2020
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY GATHERING
The Rev. Canon Chris King

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to our virtual service. It has felt very strange to be celebrating alone or with just one or two others, but I hope that you are entering into our service rather than just watching it. Be quiet before you start, like we do at church. Then pray the prayers and sing the hymns even if only silently.

If alone, assume the “Leader” is you and just say the whole service. If with someone, choose who will be the “Leader”.

I find it better to say the service aloud, it allows me to enter the service more fully. This is the liturgy we have used for the last few years; you may remember the movements in it.

In the silence that follows this let us remember our fellow church members and pray for health and healing for them and the people they love.

Quiet Prayer

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
Matthew 16:16

Opening Hymn #98
Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness
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1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the
slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling
and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of
tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Greeting

Leader:
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 with thy spirit.**

Confession & Absolution

Leader:
The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt
about sin, righteousness and judgement.
We have grieved the Holy Spirit.
In sorrow we confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Leader: Most merciful God,
**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.**

Leader:

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

People Amen.

The Peace

Leader:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Praise

Leader:

See what love the Father has given us,

**All
that we should be called the children of
God.**

Leader:

You are my sons and daughters, this day I have begotten you.

**All
See what love the Father has given us.**

Leader:

As many as received him, to them he gave power to become the children of God.

**All
See what love the Father has given us.**

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
we are taught by your word that all our
doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our
hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10 (NLT)

⁸ Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. ¹⁰ We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country."

¹¹ So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. ¹² But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became. ¹³ So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands.

¹⁵ Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: ¹⁶ "When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live." ¹⁷ But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. "Why have you done this?" he demanded. "Why have you allowed the boys to live?"

¹⁹ "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women," the midwives replied. "They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time."

²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the Israelites continued to multiply, growing more and more powerful. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live."

The Birth of Moses

2 About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. **2** The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. **3** But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. **4** The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

5 Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. **6** When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.

7 Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked.

8 "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So, the girl went and called the baby's mother.

9 "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So, the woman took her baby home and nursed him.

10 Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of David.

1 What if the LORD had not been on our side?
Let all Israel repeat:

2 What if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us?

3 They would have swallowed us alive
in their burning anger.

4 The waters would have engulfed us;
a torrent would have overwhelmed us.

5 Yes, the raging waters of their fury
would have overwhelmed our very lives.

6 Praise the LORD,
who did not let their teeth tear us apart!

7 We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap.
The trap is broken, and we are free!

8 Our help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8 (NLT)

A Living Sacrifice to God

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. **4** Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, **5** so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So, if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. **7** If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. **8** If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility

seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gloria

**Glory, 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,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord, 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, 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. Amen. Amen.**

The Gospel

Leader:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
people and kindle in them the fire of your love.
All Alleluia.

Leader
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew 22:34-40** (NLT)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply to their question, they met together to question him again.

35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

37 Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel.....

Leader: The Gospel of Christ
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message Pastor Chris

Nicene Creed

Leader Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn # # 562
Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round**
t. Song 1 #562

*We deposit our gifts in the church mailbox,
send them by mail or online.*

1 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

2 We are of thee, the children of thy love,
the brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts, that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with him, our Brother and our Friend.

3 We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that breaketh into song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

4 O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
enough to know that we are serving thee.

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

PARISH PRAYERS

PARISH

Pat and Henry Crane,
Glenn and Debbie Dawe, Kasra Dinavari
Our Executive team:
Isabelle, Hugh, Terry and John
Pray for our pastor, Canon Chris King
Pray for our Parish Secretary, Jessie Barbour
Pray for our bookkeeper, Maggie Veltheer
Pray for our organist, Cindy Kim
God's Wisdom and direction for Emmanuel's
participation in God's mission to the world.

MISSION

Nelson And Kara Mejia, Honduras Anglican
Mission

DEANERY

Grace Church, Markham, The Rev. Canon
Nicola Skinner, Incumbent, and Yohan
Dumpala, Youth Worker.



HEALING *Please join us in praying throughout the week for healing.*

	Short Term	Long Term
Monday	Val Firman, Sue Merry	Glenn Dawe, Roz Forest
Tuesday	Doreen Thomas	Joy & Nick Hunter, Vera Howard
Wednesday	Lee McConney	Elva Murphy, Mark Boswell
Thursday	Ernie Rogers	Diana Paterson, Vera Marks
Friday	Leah Stephenson	Don Ure, Risa Corbett
Saturday	Tim Boswell, Isabelle Gargarella	Jean & John Wilson, Margaret Barbour

Prayer is important to us!

For prayer requests that come up during the week, we have a group of people who are happy to pray for any issues or needs in your life.

To contact the Prayer Chain, please call Elaine Pallister at 905-508-7740.

Prayer request should be called in before 6 pm. All information is kept confidential.

Thanksgivings & Intercessions

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us
Fill us with your Spirit.



We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love, wherever you call us. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.
**Hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

Together:
**Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by
sending us your Holy Spirit and made
known to every race and nation the way of
life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

God poured out his promised Holy Spirit in tongues of flame on the day of Pentecost.

Amen.

You have been baptized with the Spirit and with fire.

Amen.

May that same Holy Spirit send you out to tell his story, and give you a voice to glorify God before all people.

Amen.

Closing Hymn # 409 On Our Way Rejoicing

t. Evelyns # 357

1 On our way rejoicing,
As we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises,
O Thou God of love!
Is there grief or sadness?
Thine it cannot be!
Is our sky beclouded?
Clouds are not from Thee!
On our way rejoicing,
As we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises,
O Thou God of love!

2 If with honest-hearted
Love for God and man,
Day by day Thou find us
Doing what we can,
Thou Who giv'st the seed-time
Wilt give large increase,
Crown the head with blessings,
Fill the heart with peace.
On our way rejoicing,
As we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises,
O Thou God of love!



3 On our way rejoicing
Gladly let us go;
Conquered hath our Leader!
Vanquished is our foe!
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
Who, if we be faithful,
Can our hope destroy?
On our way rejoicing,
As we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises,
O Thou God of love!

4 Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing;
Unto God the Saviour
Thankful hearts we bring;
Unto God the Spirit
Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing
Now and evermore.
On our way rejoicing,
As we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises,
O Thou God of love!

Dismissal

Reader

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All

Thanks be to God.



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Christ returns from holiday this week.