

Alternate Service of the Word 2

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

***Bold parts are congregational responses**

Prelude

Announcements: We will not be opening the church to regular worship as yet. Please be patient as we wait until it is safe for the most vulnerable to gather with us.

Acknowledgment of the Land

In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. As we come from many places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.

We gather in the name of the living God.

We stand in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

We pray with God's people around the earth and across the ages.

Heaven and earth are one.

In the unity of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

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.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn Breathe on Me , Breath of God
The Lord is our light and our life. **O come, let us worship.**

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God * **and a great king above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his for he made it, * **and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * **and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Collect of the Day Let us pray:

Holy God, pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness; for with the same Spirit and the Word incarnate you are one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro, **and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you **to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, **they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; **O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

You look at the earth and it trembles; **you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please God. **I will rejoice in the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. **Hallelujah!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 12 (3b-13)

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Thanks be to God

You Are God. **You are God: we praise you;**

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Creator, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You are seated at God’s right hand in glory. We believe that you will come, and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20 (19-23)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Our Response to the Word

Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Creed. Let us confess our faith as we say,

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We ask your grace for Geoffrey, our bishop, Elaine, our rector, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for, especially Rosemary, Neil, Marion, Tony's sister, Al, Margaret, Yvette, Ally, Corey, Audrey, Kay, Chase, Jodie, Lois, Peter, Bill, Robbie, Joe, Connie, Cheryle, Elaine, Annabele, Brenda, April, Tom, Matthew, Joanna, Carrie, Wayne, Bob, Randy, Gail, Dave, Nathan, Larry, Debbie, Kathy, William, Nicole, Susan, Sylvia, Taylor, Joan, Marvin, Willow and her family, Tyler, Mandie, Bailey, Will, Jennie, Gloria and all those we have concern for this day, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We commend to you all who have died especially, that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: Hear our prayer.

All this we ask in the name of Christ who is with us always. **Amen**

Peace

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

Prayer for all gifts (received in our lives and in our ministry together)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

**We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to
acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all
things. Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

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