



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Order of Service - Mattins

Welcome back to St Jude's, Oakville. The Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer have been an important part of the Anglican tradition, and the Choral versions of them have been the mainstay of parish worship until fairly recently. As the congregation is not permitted to sing at this time, this service will be a hybrid of Said and Choral Mattins.

We hope to resume our regular schedule of three services on Sunday morning as soon as possible in order to allow parishioners to participate in a breadth of liturgies. For September we will have only two Sunday services at 8am and 10am, as well as a Eucharist on Wednesday morning at 10:30 am.

Today we are expecting to begin live-streaming services and we will be joined in our worship by fellow parishioners unable to be with us in person.

We are grateful to Ann Mulvale and the members of the Re-opening Committee for enabling us to gather together for worship safely.

I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the Lord.' Ps 122

Prelude: *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872 – 1958

Opening Hymn

Please remain seated

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing if our God, our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

Officiant: I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go unto the house of the Lord.' Ps 122

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moves us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Please kneel or be seated

General Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 them that 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.

V O Lord, open thou our lips;

R **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

V O God, make speed to save us;

R **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Please stand

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

V Praise ye the Lord;

R **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite, Exultemus Domino – Psalm 95

Please remain standing and join together in reciting the Venite. The custom is to pause at the half verse, and to ignore other punctuation.

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord: /
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, /
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, /
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth: /
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it: /
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship, and fall down, /
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

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

**Today, O that ye would hear his voice: /
'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;**

**When your fathers tempted me, /
proved me, and saw my works.**

**Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, /
“It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways”;**

**Unto whom I sware in my wrath, /
that they should not enter into my rest.’**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson - Exodus 14: 19-31

Jenny LeRiche

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

V / The Word of the Lord.

R / **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

Please remain seated as the Psalm is sung

When Israel came out of Egypt, / and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
Judah was his sanctuary, / and Israel his dominion.
The sea saw that, and fled; / Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams, / and the little hills like young sheep.
What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest, / and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, / and ye little hills, like young sheep?
Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: / at the presence of the God of Jacob;
Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, / and the flint-stone into a springing well.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson – Romans 14: 1-12

Randy Smye

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

V / The Word of the Lord. **R / Thanks be to God.**

Te Deum Laudamus

Please stand and join together in reciting the Te Deum

**We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;**

**The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.**

Please be seated

Third Lesson - Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you

all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

V / The Word of the Lord. R / **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated as the Jubilate is sung

Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: / serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; / it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; / be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; / and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Please stand and recite together

The Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you;
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel or be seated

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R **And grant us thy salvation.**

V O Lord, save the Queen;
R **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
R **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V O Lord, save thy people;
R **And bless thine inheritance.**

V Give peace in our time, O Lord;
R **And evermore mightily defend us.**

V O God, make clean our hearts within us;
R **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Grace

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Anthem

"For the mountains shall depart"

Felix Mendelssohn 1809 - 1847

Recit: *I go on my way in the strength of the Lord. For thou art my Lord; and I will suffer for Thy sake. My heart is therefore glad, and my glory rejoiceth, and my flesh shall also rest in hope.* 1 Kings 19:

15,18

Air: *For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but Thy kindness shall not depart for me, neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed.* Isaiah 54: 10

Please kneel or be seated

Prayers

Amber Foulkes

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; especially for Susan, our bishop, for Harry and Mark, our priests, and for the people of Saint Jude's and the Diocese of Niagara as our parishes re-open for public worship. Let us pray:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably upon your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation; that things which were cast down may be raised up, and that all things may return into unity through Him by whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for our government, federal, provincial, and civic; for all judges, and for police forces, and members of our armed forces; Let us pray:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we ask you to bless Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of your holy Name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for peace and righteousness to flourish. Let us pray:

O God of love, look mercifully upon the nations of the world, and unite them in the bonds of peace. Strengthen the love of righteousness and freedom among all peoples, and bring the whole earth into obedience to your reign; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and imprisoned; for all who are in anxiety or distress, and for the lonely. We give thanks for doctors and nurses, and for all who are working to contain the spread of the corona virus, and all who are working to heal and restore the sick. Let us give thanks for the birth of Suzanna, and the health and happiness of Jacqui and Catharina. In our parish we ask God's healing grace for those in hospital, and those recovering from surgery and illness.

Specifically we pray for-:

Let us pray:

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and restore them in body and spirit. And help us, we pray, to serve others in the power of your life-giving Spirit: For the sake of Him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for families, for teachers and for students, as they contemplate the return to school in whatever method they have carefully chosen; Let us pray:

Dear God, thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year may confidence in your love be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for the mission of the Church, and to pray for the coming of God's kingdom to all nations and peoples. Let us pray:

O Lord our God, you have made all races and nations to be one family, and you sent your Son Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people: Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation, bring the nations of the world into your fellowship, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us join together in giving thanks to God for His goodness, in the words of the General Thanksgiving.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
For all thy goodness and loving-kindness
To us and to all people;**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
But above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
And that we show forth thy praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives;
By giving up ourselves to thy service,
And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

Postlude

Toccata and Fugue in F

Dietrich Buxtehude c.1637 - 1707

Please follow the directions of the ushers to leave the church.

If you have a walker, or require assistance, please remain in your pew until an usher assists you.

Please take this bulletin with you, as you leave the church, and deposit it in the recycling bin in the Narthex, if you choose not to take it with you.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning as we take our first steps toward embracing once again the communal life we enjoy at St Jude's.

Please go to our website – www.stjudeschurch.net for the most recent updates on -programs, events, and volunteer opportunities in the parish and beyond.

If the clergy or staff can be of any assistance, please call the Church Office at 905-844-3972. During this time of Covid-19, the Bishops' office is advising that meetings and pastoral appointments take place either remotely, or outdoors. If an in-person appointment is necessary, we can arrange that in advance.

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God,
and in memory of Olive and Jack Slessor and Gina,
with love, by Jane Bowden.*



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