



## St. Jude's Anglican Church May 15, 2022 - Evensong at Four O'Clock

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in A flat - Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

*We wish to acknowledge the land on which St. Jude's Anglican Church sits. For many thousands of years, the Huron, Petun, Iroquois, and Mississaugas have sought to walk gently on this land. This land on the edge of the Sixteen Mile Creek is the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, the north shore of Lake Ontario is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land.*

Prelude: Andante (from Trio Sonata in e-minor) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please remain seated as the opening hymn is sung*

*Sun of my soul, thou Savior dear,  
It is not night if thou be near;  
O, may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.*

*When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My wearied eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest  
For ever on my Saviour's breast.*

*Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without thee I cannot live;  
Abide with me when night is nigh,  
For without thee I dare not die.*

*Come near and bless us when we wake,  
Ere through the world our way we take,  
Till in the ocean of thy love  
We lose ourselves in heav'n above.*

*Please stand*

Officiant Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth 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 that 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 pardoneth and absolveth 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 as you are able*

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.*

*Please be seated*

Psalm 8:

*O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!  
Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.  
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honour;  
You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:  
All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!*

*Please remain seated*

First Lesson – Wisdom 7:22-8:1

Brian Toogood

There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

V / The Word of the Lord.

R / **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

The Magnificat Luke 1:46

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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*      The Second Reading – Luke 4: 16-30      *The Rev. Canon Marni Nancekivell*

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

V /      The Word of the Lord.

R /      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

The Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2:29*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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.*

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.**

*V/ The Lord be with you;*

*R/ And with thy spirit.*

*V/ Let us pray.*

*Please kneel or be seated*

*V/ Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*R/ Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*V/ 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.

#### The Collect of the Day

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

#### The Third Collect, for Aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: O Thou, the Central Orb - Charles Wood (1866-1926)

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
 Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
 Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright  
 Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
 Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
 As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
 Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
 Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

*Please kneel or be seated*

#### 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

May God give you joy in the fellowship of the saints in light, strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness, and bring you to the full radiance of glory; 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*

#### Closing Hymn

*Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.*

*Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.*

*Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*

Postlude: Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 1

by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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