

## *Morning Prayer Sunday, July 27, 2020*

*Opening Verse* – I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go the house of the Lord” *Psalms 118:22*

**People: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalms 43:3***

*An Invitation to Confession:*

*Officiant:* Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

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 neighbors 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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**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**

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

**People:** Come let us adore him. Alleluia

**Jubilate**     *Psalm 100 (All)*

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Psalm 119:129-136**

*Mirabilia*

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
    **therefore I obey them with all my heart.**

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*

**it gives understanding to the simple.**

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*

**I long for your commandments.**

132 Turn to me in mercy, \*

**as you always do to those who love your Name.**

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*

**let no iniquity have dominion over me.**

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*

**and I will keep your commandments.**

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*

**and teach me your statutes.**

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*

**because people do not keep your law.**

### **A Reading from Romans (8:26-39)**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at

the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 10      The Second Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*

**call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways \***

**and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \***

**and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \***

**nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \***

**so are my ways higher than your ways,**

**and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \***

**and return not again, but water the earth,**

**Bringing forth life and giving growth, \***

**seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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.**

*Please stand.*

### **The Gospel according to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52)**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

#### *Officiant and People*

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## **Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **People: Amen.**

## **Suffrages B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

### *Officiant and People*

**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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People in a Time of Pandemic**

Adapted and expanded from the New Zealand Prayer Book (Anglican)

*The Deacon and People pray responsively.*

*Deacon:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church. In times of social distancing, we ask for a renewed concern for



those who are unable to be physically present with their parish family.

**People: Grant that we may walk together in your presence.**

*Deacon:* Father, enliven the Church for its mission of love and reconciliation. Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

**People: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

*Deacon:* We pray for the world: in times of pandemic we pray for selfless concern for all who are at risk:

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Deacon:* We pray for the community: in the midst of anxiety about difference and economic disparity, call us into remembering we are one family with the same Father in heaven.

**People: That we all may be one.**

*Deacon:* We pray for all who struggle in this economic down-turn, for employment opportunities, for fair and equitable distribution of resources, for wisdom and compassion for employers and for government at every level struggling with greatly reduced revenue.

**People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Deacon:* God of trust, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage. Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. We pray for your Holy Spirit to equip and guide us; keeping us ever mindful of how our actions affect the health and lives of our entire community especially in this time of pandemic.

**People: Strengthen us to love one another as Christ loves us.**

*Deacon:* We pray for our children and young adults in this challenging time; helping them grow in knowledge while keeping them safe. We

thank you for the dedication of our educators and administrators and ask that you bless them with wisdom and courage.

**People: Give us power to reveal Jesus in word and action.**

*Deacon:* We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Make us willing agents of your compassion. We pray especially for all who in their healing and helping vocations risk their health for the sake of others.

**People: May they know the healing power of your love.**

*Deacon:* We remember those who have died and those who mourn. As we pray for *all* who have died from the COVID virus, from senseless violence and from accidental and untimely death...both those who died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**People: Father, into your hands, we commend them.**

*Deacon:* Give comfort to those who mourn. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. May their example inspire and encourage us.

**People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

*Deacon:* We pray for ourselves and our ministries: show us how to BE your hope encouragement and inspiration in practical hands of compassion.

**People: That we may faithfully walk in compassion and mercy.**

*Deacon:* Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

*Silence*

## **Prayer for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **Act of Reception**

Let us pray: In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered in their homes around this town and community, especially our brothers and sisters of St Philip's family, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

**People: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen**

*Silent Pause for personal prayer.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### *Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to 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 our selves 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 honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### *The Blessing*

### *Retiring Procession*

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Please continue your socially distanced conversations outside the worship space to allow for the next service to begin seating.

Thank you for your cooperation.