



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

Sunday, October 3, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

Welcome to worship. The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.

*Please respond by saying the parts in **bold** type.*

Please wear your mask for the duration of the service.

Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.

When the sacristy bells rings, all stand

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant 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 also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All **and peace to is people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,**

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

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READING

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Reader: Wendy Steele

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very

well, he is in your power; only spare his life.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

All stand

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

All stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Wendy Steele

Leader Eternal God,
we open our collective souls to your presence.
We come needing to empty ourselves of the baggage and cares of the week.
May we come with the trust of a child as we pray
for the needs of the world saying O Lord and responding, hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
some of us have had heavy burdens to bear
and like Job's wife wonder about the fairness of life.
Some have seen a glimpse of our fragility and mortality.
Some are facing life-changing decisions.
Grant us the fresh sight and new spirit of children.
O Lord,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God our Creator,
bestow extra grace upon our anointed leaders
in this congregation and everywhere in your Church,
and walk with us on our journey to redemption through Christ.

We pray for the Anglican Communion,
especially for the Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people
of the Diocese of British Columbia, and the dean, council, and congregations
of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod;
our diocese, especially for St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton,
the Venerable Dr. David Anderson, Rector, and the people of that parish;
and for our parish, especially we give thanks for Wes and Diane Turner,
Greg and Dorothy Walker, and Peggy Walker
and pray for them and their families.
O Lord,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Compassionate God,
give rest and hope to those that are weary and reinvigorate those who provide
them with care. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need:
Gillian MacKay, Terry, Don Dicarolo, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon,
Dick, Doug Garrett, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, and Joshua.
And for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby,
Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.
O Lord,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of hope,
we thank you that not even death can separate us from Your love.
We pray for all who mourn, that they feel your care for them.
We remember those who have died, especially Ross Tomlinson, Peter Ford,
Tony Dolynski, and Jackie Johnson.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader Loving God,
we give this week into your hands.
Be with us in all that we will do and let us seek to find and hold the ability to love
unconditionally as does a child.

O Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O Lord our God,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies,
look with compassion up us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory
Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
Now, and for ever.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

All remain standing or kneel. Silence is kept

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The peace is shared by BOWING at one another. Please refrain from physical contact

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the pattern
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
People **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who on this first day of the week
overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
In our unending joy
we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven
as we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.**

All remain standing or kneel

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;

in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*The Holy Eucharist is distributed in one kind only
Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the front of the church*

The Diocese of Niagara guidelines for receiving communion are:

“Communicants are to sanitize their hands, receive the host while continuing to wear a mask and maintaining physical distance with all others except the communion minister. Once physical distance from the communion minister has been re-established, they are to briefly lower or remove their mask, consume the host, and replace the mask.”

After communion, all stand for

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Almighty God,
 may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist
 remain in your steadfast love,
 and show in our lives
 the saving mystery that we celebrate.
 This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us,
 can do infinitely more
 than we can ask or imagine.
 Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the peace of God,
 which passes all understanding
 keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
 and of his Son, Jesus Christ.
 And the blessing of God Almighty:
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing for the withdrawal of the Celebrant

The music at the end of the service is part of worship. Please do not applaud after it



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