Day of Pentecost 19 May, 2024



St. Helen's Anglican Church of Canada Diocese of New Westminster

The Reverend Mark Munn

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING HYMN Holy Spirt, Ever Dwelling

CP 655

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

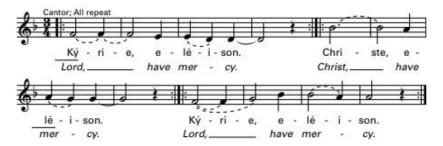
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open all desires known, and from whom 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.

Kyrie Eleison



CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship God, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness

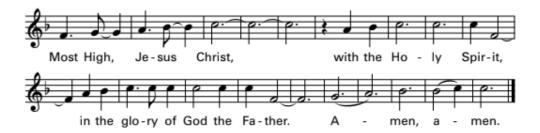
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD FIRST READING EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Tony Hodgson

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four

winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104



O God, how manifold are your works: in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. **R.**

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have 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. *R.*

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and 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. R.

May your glory endure for ever; may you rejoice in all your works. You look at the earth and it trembles: you touch the mountains and they smoke. R.

I will sing to you as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in you, O God. Praise God, O my soul. Hal-lë-lujah! R.

SECOND READING ACTS 2:1-21

Gillian Moore

A reading from the book of Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was 7 spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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GOSPEL ACCLAIMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am

coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAIMATION



SERMON

The Rev. Can. Dr. Harold Munn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You are invited to join in an affirmation of faith.

You, O God, are Creator of all, By whom every being in heaven and earth Is fashioned, named, and sustained. You call us each by name.

You, O God, are Living Word, who came and pitched your tent with us, Lived, and died, and rose again.
You speak to us now through faith.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit, Who comforts, strengthens, and inspires, Sending us forth to share your love. You are the breath of grace.

You, O God, are Trinity: Creator, Word, Spirit; Artist, healer, friend. You are holy mystery. We worship you. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided at the back of the leaflet for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.

OFFERTORY HYMN Come Down, O Love Divine

CP 645

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

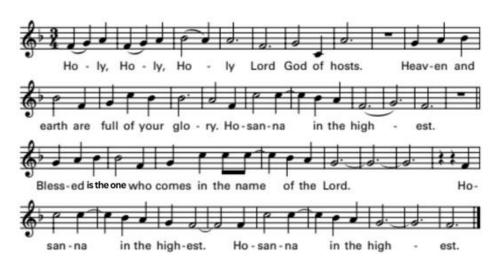
By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:



We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry.

He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

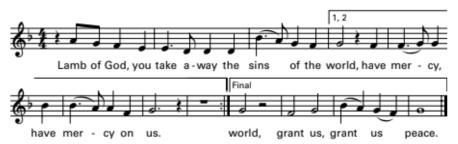
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

With those who are unable to receive the Eucharist at this time, remember these words of Jesus from the gospel of John: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst". In Union with the body of Christ in every time and place, we pray:

Come to my heart O Christ.

There is room in my heart for you. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN O God, the Holy Ghost Healer of Our Every III CP 254

CP 612

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of all joy,

receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Keep us in the love of Christ

and bring us to the vision of his glory;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,

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.

BLESSING

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love,
make haste to be kind,
and may the blessing of God Almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
and those you love, now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

CP 249

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Please be seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence. In respect of those who may linger in contemplation, conversation is reserved for the narthex.

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Worship Ministries for Today

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Music: Dale Throness

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