

Service of Ante-Communion 15 November 2020- Pentecost 24A Proper 33

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we live and worship upon. We give thanks to the first people of this land: the Anishinaabe, the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, the Metis and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. We ask for courage as we partner with them to end the racism and injustice they endure and work for reconciliation. Amen.

The Hymn – Lift High the Cross CP602

Refrain: Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till

all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!

If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain: Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till

all the world adore his sacred name.

2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife: teach

us compassion for each human life.

Refrain: Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till

all the world adore his sacred name.

The Gathering of the Community

Karine+: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Karine+: 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

Karine+: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God's 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.

The Collect:

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of Him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Judges 4.1-7 read by Adedayo Olomodosi

A reading from the Book of Judges,

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." '

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 led by The Rev. Mark Curtis

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Let us pray, King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in His name. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 read by Adedayo Olomodosi

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians,

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25.14-30 proclaimed by The Rev. Mark Curtis

The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master,

you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of Christ.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by The Rev. Karine Snowdon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions & Thanksgivings led by Lorrette Shermet

Lord, keep this nation under your care, and guide us in the way of justice and truth. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Amen

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

We give thanks for the hope we share in the Victory of Christ **Continue to pray for** the Mission of the Church, remembering our outreach work in this parish. **Pray for** peace in our troubled world. **Pray for** the unity of the Church.

In the world-wide Anglican Communion:

We PRAY for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Mark, Orangeville, The Venerable Peter Scott, Rector, The Reverend Canon Lynne Thackwray, Honorary Assistant, The Reverend Richard Beaudoin, Deacon, and the people of that parish.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, **In our Parish Cycle of prayer** remember Anne and Don Cameron; Linda Campbell; Christopher, Melanie and Tessa Carr; Ina and Barry Chamberlain and our family Van Kim, Hoih, Ester, Ruth and Samuel and the Mission of San Pedro, Jobabo, Cuba.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

We ask for your guidance in our mission ministry praying especially for our Bishops who lead us. Pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Linda our Primate, Mark our Indigenous Archbishop, Anne our Metropolitan and Susan, Bishop of Niagara. Pray for all Ministers in this parish both Ordained and Laity, for all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory to the world. Pray that the Church of God may always proclaim the Easter Gospel in all places.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

We pray for all parts of this world that are impacted by war, strife or natural disasters, we especially remember the people of the Middle East and many parts of Africa where there is sectarian violence. We pray for all who are ill with Covid-19, their care givers, and for health care workers and researchers working to limit the spread of the virus.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and the leaders of this great country of ours Canada, we pray for Justin Trudeau, the prime minister, Doug Ford, the premier of Ontario and Gord Krantz the mayor of Milton. We pray for this Town of Milton and for those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

We pray for the healing of the sick, Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially remembering this day Jennifer, Randy D, Ruth Blackwell, John Shakespeare, Frank Ley, Malcolm Leslie, Mary Reynolds, Angel, (Mark & Kristy, Trish, Melanie, Amy, Frances, Becky - Nurses), Peter C. June, Lizzie, Mark, Lynn and Ann, Rosie, Mike S., Ivan S., Margaret

Elliott, Joey, Myriel, Melo, Mike M, and Sandy H. Gavin, Patrice, Aiden, Mikhaila Fairclough, Dana, Sheila B, Gloria C., Cindy L, Lauryn M and her mom, Ian, Jeremy, Diane, Rob, Valerie, Patricia, Robert, Manuel Parreira, Norma K., Rachel Elliott, Steven, Tosia and Emily and others known to us, whom we might name in the silence of our hearts, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Heavenly father, we know that all healing comes from you, and therefore we ask your blessing on all who are engaged in the ministry of healing. We pray for doctors, surgeons, nurses, health visitors and all the staff who work in our local hospitals and for those who nurse the sick at home. Give them, O Lord, all needful wisdom, skill and patience; and may they know that in ministering to the sick they are fellow workers with you and are furthering your purposes of love. Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

Pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed and remembering those in memory: praying for Alan Pond who passed away on Wednesday on remembrance day and In loving memory of wonderful parents Harry & Isabel Marsh, beloved sister Peggy VanCedar & special aunt Hazel Andrews, given by Kaye & Gary Hogg & family.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Father in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,
that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Saviour Christ has 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 forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this gathering of the body of Christ. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Karine+: Most merciful God,

R: 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.

Karine+: 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. Amen.

The Peace

Karine+: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

R: And also with you.

Unmute yourselves to share the Peace with one another.

The Blessing by The Rev. Karine Snowdon

The Peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty be upon you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love and pray for this day and forevermore. Amen.

The Dismissal by The Rev. Mark Curtis

Response: Thanks be to God.

Liturgical Leaders

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Psalmist and Gospeller: The Rev. Mark Curtis

Reader: Adedayo Olomodosi

Intercessor: Lorrette Shermet

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