

Service of Ante-Communion 11 October 2020- Harvest Thanksgiving

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 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 for Harvest Thanksgiving:

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 read by Gloria Charles

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy,

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65 led by The Rev. Deacon Nina Page

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of your wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Let us pray, Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs we may see the splendour of your love and praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 read by Gloria Charles

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians,

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Luke 17.11-19 proclaimed by The Rev. Deacon Nina Page

The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

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

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise

to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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 Lorhel White

We pray together today in thanksgiving to our Generous God for the bounty of our fields, forests and waters and what our human hands have prepared under His guidance. We look forward to our plenteous tables full of food as we celebrate harvest time. We also thank the Lord for our lives and the care that we are given even to changing our lives such as the lepers had their lives changed. One, a Samaritan, remembered to thank the Lord Jesus and was rewarded with "Your faith has made you whole." Let us pray together with faith today as we say "**Thank you, Lord Jesus.**"

In the world-wide Anglican Communion: Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala. We pray for the church in the world and the beacon of light it shows forth.

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

In the Niagara Diocese: Pray for Christ Church, McNab, The Reverend Dorothy Hewlett, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In our Parish Cycle of prayer Pray for Denise, Durvin, Damarea and Duante Barrett; Candace Barton; Kate, Mike and Matthew Bastarache; Susan Bayley and our family Van Kim, Hoih, Ester, Ruth and Samuel and the Mission of San Pedro, Jobabo, Cuba. Each of these is precious to the Lord.

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

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.

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

We pray for the Leaders of the Nations as all around the world we all face the Covid 19 Pandemic. We need capable, committed and compassionate leaders to make considered decisions to meet the changes as we find ourselves in the second round of the virus. Pray for Justin, our Prime Minister, Doug, our Premier and Gord, our Mayor and those who represent us in parliament. Continue to give them strength and conviction in their daily decisions.

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

We ask for peace around the world and for justice for those imprisoned and in dire circumstances. We ask, also, for continued work toward saving our planet from climate change. Thank you, Lord Jesus for those working on justice and various methods to make our earth cleaner.

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

Loving Lord, we hold these people up to you in prayer asking that you help them to bear their load of care, worry, sickness, sorrow, and provide for their various needs such as food, housing, employment, better circumstances. We pray for

Ruth Blackwell, Randy D., Ron D., Margaret Elliott, Joey, Tim, Frank Ley, Norma K., Mary Reynolds, Malcolm Leslie, John Shakespeare, Rosemary, Angel, James, (Front Line Workers – Mark, Kristy, Trish, Melanie, Amy, Frances, Becky), Ivan S., Mike S., John F., Chube and Kamsi, teachers and students with covid 19, Rosie, Jeremy, Linda P., Lindsay, Jeremy, Sandy M., Mike M., Sandy H., Patricia, Robert A., June, Lizzie, Alanna R., Debra W., Peter C., Gloria Williams, Jahlain, Kordell, Ann M., Lynn J., Mark G., Dana, Lena W., Diane D., and others know to us whom we can name in the silence of our hearts.

Thank you, Lord Jesus for your presence in their lives.

We pray for all workers, renovators, owners of businesses, restaurants, shops and all those striving to continue their jobs even in these difficult times of keeping safe from the virus through masks, distancing and keeping in our “bubble”.

Thank you Lord Jesus for their efforts.

Pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed and remembering those in memory: In loving memory of Eileen Teague, given by husband Bernard Teague, Gary & Elaine Teague & family and Nancy & Richard Lee & family.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Thank you, Lord Jesus for their lives.

Give thanks for all the gifts and talents in our Parish Family **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. 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 and find a vaccination against it.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, and it may be only in our own homes and not with extended family or friends, let us remember that the Lord has told us that we are his own, that he knows us and that he is with us always. Let us celebrate with the Lord Jesus in our hearts thanking our generous God for food, lodging, freedom to think and act, for love of family and friends and, especially for our health, which we do not take for granted any more.

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. Deacon Nina Page

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn: Come Ye Thankful People Come CP262

1. Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home!

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;

wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;

from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;

give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Liturgical Leaders

Officiant: The Rev. Karine Snowdon
Psalmist and Gospeller: The Rev. Deacon Nina Page
Reader: Gloria Charles
Intercessor: Lorhel White
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