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*Sunday, May 23, 2021*

*11am*

*Whitsunday  
Day of Pentecost*

## 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*This service is live-streamed and created in compliance with Diocesan guidelines of having no more than five people on site. Today we have four people on site.*

### Welcome and Announcements

The love of God hath been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. *Romans 5.5*

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,  
All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our

life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Psalm 104.25-35** (said responsively)

O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

**in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.**

So is the great and wide sea also,

**where in are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.**

There go the ships; and there is Leviathan,

**whom thou hast formed to take his pastime therein.**

These wait all upon thee,

**and thou mayest give them meat in due season.**

When thou givest it to them they gather it;

**and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.**

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:

**when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.**

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are made;

**and thou renewest the face of the earth.**

Let the glorious majesty of the Lord endure for ever;

**let the Lord rejoice in his works.**

The earth shall tremble at the look of him;

**if he do but touch the hills they shall smoke.**

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

And so shall my words please him:  
**my joy shall be in the Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS** **Romans 8.22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise 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.

#### **Jubilate** (said)

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **Reading John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15**

Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has

been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Hymn 487 Come Down O Love Divine (vv 1,2,4)

<i>Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.</i>	<i>And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long, Shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, Till he become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.</i>
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*O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

Minister: I believe in God

All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;  
People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**  
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;  
People: **And bless thine inheritance.**  
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**  
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

#### Collect of the Day

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Homily Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem How Beautiful are the Feet Handel  
*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach us the gospel of peace,  
that bring glad tidings of great joy.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

#### A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for

them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Grace**     **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Royal Anthem (composite live recording of Parish Choir)

Postlude     **Imperial March**     Elgar  
(written for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee)

*Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Karen Kelly, who died a week ago today, from her sister, Colleen Murray; and in loving memory of Teresa Horrigan and Sheila Murray, who died one year ago, mothers of Colleen and Rod Murray.*

Readers	Bryan Rankine
Singer	Kate Wright
Video Technician	Canon Paul Walker

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 23, 2021**

#### **Keeping in Touch**

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

#### **Seeking a New Music Director**

We are seeking a new Music Director to lead our Parish Choir and our music program. The details of the job posting are available on the St. John's website. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

#### **Pastoral Care**

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Center and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy or contact them by email.

#### **Support for the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem:**

Last Sunday we heard about the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem. This week the Bishop of Jerusalem has made an appeal to the churches in the Anglican Communion to support the work of the Ali Ahli Hospital in Gaza. This hospital, which is a ministry of the diocese, is in the centre of Gaza and is responding to the increasing needs of the wounded in that area from the Israel-Hamas conflict. They are needing funds to purchase medical supplies and to maintain their

generators. To support this work you can make a cheque to St. John's marked "GAZA HOSPITAL" and we will ensure that it is sent to them through PWRDF.

### **Parish Council**

We look forward to our next meeting on Thursday June 3rd on Zoom at 3:00pm.

### **Pay It Forward - Vaccine Equity**

Remember that if you have received your vaccine you can pay it forward to help others around the world receive their vaccine. PWRDF is receiving donations to support partners around the world through their Vaccine Equity Fund.

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