**ANTE-COMMUNION SERVICE JUNE 28, 2020**

**MARKING CANADA DAY**

*(Pastor Pam to start)*

If any serve me, the Father will honour them. *John 12.26*

**HYMN** **CP 577 God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory,

On your people pour your power;

Now fulfil your church’s story;

Bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

For the facing of this hour,

For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us,

Scorn your Christ, assail his ways.

Fears and doubts too long have bound us;

Free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

For the living of these days,

For the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places;

Gird our lives that they may be

Armoured with all Christlike graces

In the fight for liberty.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

*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.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* **and peace to his 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.**

*Celebrant* As our worship today is in part an act of thanksgiving for and recognition of our

country of Canada, let us pray for our nation and its leadership.

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. May we prove ourselves a people mindful of your generosity and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

We now join in singing our national anthem:

**CP 659 O Canada**

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The true north strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada,

We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Let us pray:

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all,

accept the prayers we offer for our nation.

Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority,

that harmony and justice may be secured

in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**  (Howard Cyrus)

See, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice. Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed, and the ears of those who have hearing will listen. The minds of the rash will have good judgement, and the tongues of stammerers will speak readily and distinctly. A fool will no longer be called noble, nor a villain said to be honourable. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. ISAIAH 32:1-5, 16-18

The Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**A READING FROM PSALM 85** (Leonora Benjamin)

Peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

PSALM 85:7-13

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS** (Dushy Manickam)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**HYMN CP 575 Let Streams of Living Justice**

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;

Give freedom’s light to captives, let all the poor have worth.

The hungry’s hands are pleasing, the workers claim their rights,

The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.

Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;

Abolish ancient vengeance: program your people’s hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,

For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend,

Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;

On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.

O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;

Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city’s build to music; we are the stones you seek;

Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.

Our faith we find in service, our hope in other’s dreams,

Our love in hand of neighbour; our homeland brightly gleams.

Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way – the path untried;

Your truth – the heart of stranger, your life – the Crucified.

*(Deacon Jacquie)*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

JOHN 15:12-17

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON: Deacon Jacquie Bouthéon**

*(Pastor Pam)*

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **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.**

**The Prayers of the People**  (Brian Carr)

As we are called to follow Jesus, let us offer our prayers for all people. To the bidding: We pray to you Lord, let us respond saying: ***Lord, hear our prayer***.

We pray for the Church, remembering especially our bishops, Justin, Linda, Andrew and Kevin, our priest and pastor Pam, our Assistant Roy, our Deacon Jacquie, and for all the holy people of God, both those who are free to worship you openly and those who dare not, and that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world We pray to you Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer*.**

For this parish family, that we may bear living witness to the commandment that we love our neighbor as ourselves, we pray to you Lord*.* ***Lord, hear our prayer*.**

We pray for our country, Canada, especially in this time of uncertainty and struggle as we cope with the COVID-19 virus and all the issues that brings with it. Make us fervent in our reconciling with Indigenous peoples, welcoming of more refugees and immigrants, and guarding ourselves against the forces of hatred, greed, and all that could tarnish our future. We pray to you Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer*.**

Loving and compassionate God give us the courage to name hate mongering and stand on the side of hearing and understanding the value of many perspectives. We pray to you Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer*.**

Gracious God, we ask your blessing on all who are celebrating birthdays or special occasions this week, especially our young people completing high school but without the joys of graduation ceremonies. Uphold and encourage them as they move on. We pray to you Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of all mercies instil your holy presence into the bodies and minds of those seeking a better future, of homeless people needing a home and support, of those working in summer heat, of those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (SILENCE) that they may find wholeness and peace in Christ. We pray to you Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially the victims of violence, those whose lives have been taken by the coronavirus, and others known to us (SILENCE), that they may live for eternity in the power of the Spirit. We pray to you Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer*.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. God of wisdom, hear the prayers we offer this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of Christ, and serve one another in freedom through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

*(Father Roy)*

**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.

*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.**

*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 Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Closing prayer** Judge eternal, accept all we offer you this day,

and grant to our nation unity and peace.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**AMEN**

**Doxology**

*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.**

**BLESSING:** 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,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, now and always.

**AMEN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord v 1 3 5**

Stand up and bless the Lord,

You people of God’s choice;

Stand up and bless the Lord of hosts

With heart and soul and voice.

O for the living flame

From God’s own altar brought,

To touch our lips, our minds inspire,

And wing to heaven our thoughts!

Stand up and bless the Lord;

The Lord your God adore;

Stand up and bless the glorious name

Henceforth for ever more.

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