

Pentecost 12 – Sunday, August 23th, 2020

Online Service of the Word 2

We are members of the Laurentian Regional Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal; our churches are located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, the Huron-Wendat, and the Omàmiwininiwak (Algonquin), St. Lawrence Iroquians and Mohawk. Our churches honour, recognize and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Nick, Presider

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE (BAS p. 45)

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you**

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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.**

Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn CP #647 – Spirit of the Living God

1. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

2 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

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The Lord is our light and our life.
O come, let us worship.

Venite (BAS p. 49)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God *
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 138 (BAS p. 895)

Carol

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *

before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your name *

and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *

you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *

that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *

he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *

O Lord, your love endures for ever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

First Reading

Astrid

A reading from the first book of Isaiah (Isaiah 51:1-6)

1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

3 For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,

her desert like the garden of the Lord;
 joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.
 4 Listen to me, my people,
 and give heed to me, my nation;
 for a teaching will go out from me,
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.
 5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
 my salvation has gone out
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats;^[a]
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.
 The word of the Lord. (or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)
Thanks be to God.

Canticle: You Are God (BAS p. 94)

Nick, Presider

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
 you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
 The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
 You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
 When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
 You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Second Reading

France

Une lecture tirée de la lettre de Paul aux Romains (Romains 12 :1-8)

Je vous exhorte donc, frères, au nom de la miséricorde de Dieu, à vous offrir vous-mêmes en sacrifice vivant, saint et agréable à Dieu : ce sera là votre culte spirituel. Ne vous conformez pas au monde présent, mais soyez transformés par le renouvellement de votre intelligence, pour discerner quelle est la volonté de Dieu : ce qui est bien, ce qui lui est agréable, ce qui est parfait. Au nom de la grâce qui m'a été donnée, je dis à chacun d'entre vous : n'ayez pas de prétentions au-delà de ce qui est raisonnable, soyez assez raisonnables pour n'être pas prétentieux, chacun selon la mesure de foi que Dieu lui a donnée en partage. En effet, comme nous avons plusieurs membres en un seul corps et que ces membres n'ont pas tous la même fonction, ainsi, à plusieurs, nous sommes un seul corps en Christ, étant tous membres les uns des autres, chacun pour sa part. Et nous avons des dons qui diffèrent selon la grâce qui nous a été accordée. Est-ce le don de prophétie ? Qu'on l'exerce en accord avec la foi. L'un a-t-il le don du service ? Qu'il serve. L'autre celui d'enseigner ? Qu'il enseigne. Tel autre celui d'exhorter ? Qu'il exhorte. Que celui qui donne le fasse sans calcul, celui qui préside, avec zèle, celui qui exerce la miséricorde, avec joie.

La parole du Seigneur. / Ici se termine la lecture.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

or

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (Romans 12:1-8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The word of the Lord. (*or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: the Song of Zechariah (BAS p. 88)

Nick, Presider

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading (BAS p. 68)

Tania

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Mt 16:13-20)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Tania, Preacher

Affirmation of Faith

Nick, Presider

The Apostles' Creed (BAS p. 68)

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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 and Thanksgivings (BAS p. 70)

Hugh

A member of the community leads the prayers, using the following form or the following model.

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for Mary our bishop, for Josée, Nick and Tania our priests and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially....], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Nick, Presider

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,
by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

France

Dieu tout-puissant, tu as envoyé ton Saint-Esprit pour être la vie et la lumière de ton Église.
Ouvres nos cœurs aux richesses de ta grâce, afin que nous puissions produire le fruit de l'Esprit
dans l'amour, la joie et la paix; par Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur, qui est vivant et règne avec toi
et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu, maintenant et pour toujours.

or

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our
hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy,

and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hugh

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us, **(BAS p. 70)**

**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.**

or

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **(BAS p. 71)**

**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.**

Blessing

Nick, Presider

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, bring you to the triumphant joy of the city of the great King; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn CP #501 – Through All the Changing Scenes of Life (verses 1, 4 and 6)

I. Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

4. O make but trial of God's love;
experience will decide
how blest and favoured are they
who in this love confide.

6. To Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
the God whom we adore
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.