

The 14th Sunday After Pentecost – August 29, 2021

Online Service of the Word I

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The Gathering of the Community *(BAS p. 185)*

Josée

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 on the Lord's Day 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 Officiant gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

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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.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

HYMN - CP#438 - O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED (VERSES 1, 2, AND 4)

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| 1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide. | 2. O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin. |
| 4. O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend. | |

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The Collect of the Day

France

Créateur de tout ce qui est bon, grave en nous l'amour de ton nom, augmente en nous une foi véritable, nourris-nous de ta bonté, et garde-nous près de toi dans ta miséricorde. Nous te le demandons par Jésus-Christ, notre Seigneur, qui vit et règne avec toi et l'Esprit Saint, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

or

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Paul

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (Dt 4:1-2, 6-9)

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord. (*or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (BAS p. 718)

Carol

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honours those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

France

Lecture tirée de lettre de Jacques (*Ja 1 :17-27.*)

Tout don de valeur et tout cadeau parfait descendent d'en haut, du Père des lumières chez lequel il n'y a ni balancement ni ombre due au mouvement. De sa propre volonté, il nous a engendrés par la parole de vérité, afin que nous soyons pour ainsi dire les prémices de ses créatures. Vous êtes savants, mes frères bien-aimés. Pourtant, que nul ne néglige d'être prompt à écouter, lent à parler, lent à se mettre en colère, car la colère de l'homme ne réalise pas la justice de Dieu.

Aussi, débarrassés de toute souillure et de tout débordement de méchanceté, accueillez avec douceur la parole plantée en vous et capable de vous sauver la vie. Mais devenez des réalisateurs de la parole, et pas seulement des auditeurs qui s'abuseraient eux-mêmes. En effet, si quelqu'un écoute la parole et ne la réalise pas, il ressemble à un homme qui observe dans un miroir le visage qu'il a de naissance : il s'est observé, il est parti, il a tout de suite oublié de quoi il avait l'air.

Mais celui qui s'est penché sur une loi parfaite, celle de la liberté, et s'y est appliqué, non en auditeur distrait, mais en réalisateur agissant, celui-là sera heureux dans ce qu'il réalisera. Si quelqu'un se croit religieux sans tenir sa langue en bride, mais en se trompant lui-même, vaine est sa religion. La religion pure et sans tache devant Dieu le Père, la voici : visiter les orphelins et les veuves dans leur détresse ; se garder du monde pour ne pas se souiller.

La Parole du Seigneur. / Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux Églises.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

or

A reading from the letter of James. (*Jas 1:17-27*)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord. (*or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Nick

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark (*Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Tania

The Apostles' Creed

Josée

The officiant invites the people, in these or similar words, to join in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

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

Edna

The officiant or another member of the community leads the prayers, using the following or another authorized form.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.”

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

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.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Edna

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

English (Modern version)

**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.**

French

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la
terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
Comme nous pardonnons
aussi à ceux qui nous ont
offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer
en tentation, mais délivre-
nous du mal,
car c'est à toi
qu'appartiennent le règne, la
puissance et la gloire, aux
siècles des siècles. Amen.**

English (older version)

**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.**

Doxology

Josée

Glory to God

**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

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; 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 #384 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (VERSES 1, 3 AND 6)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

6. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

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Dismissal

Josée

The officiant dismisses the people, using these or other words.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.