



# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Sunday 10:00am Service  
November 15, 2020

**Morning Prayer**  
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**Prelude**

Mary Lee Voort

**Welcome and Announcements**

Br. Jason Carroll

**Stewardship Presentation and Children's Focus**

**Opening Hymn: Hymn #508 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so wary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that lifegiving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

**The Penitential Rite**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
Isaiah 55:6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8- 9

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,*

**Most merciful God, 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.**

*The priest says, (while standing)*

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.**

*(all stand)*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips,  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All* **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.**

## **The Invitatory**

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

**Venite**      *Psalm 95.1–7*

**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**

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**  
And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.***

**First Reading**      Judges 4:1-7

Natalie Vandenberg

4 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. <sup>2</sup> So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. <sup>3</sup> Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

<sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading<sup>[a]</sup> Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup> She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. <sup>6</sup> She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. <sup>7</sup> I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’”



## Gradual Hymn: "We Will Dance"

Sing a song of celebration, lift up a shout of praise,  
for the Bride-groom will come, the glorious one,  
and oh, we will look on his face.  
We'll go to a much better place.

Dance with all your might, lift up your hands and clap for joy.  
The time's drawing near when he will appear,  
and Oh, we will stand by his side,  
a strong, pure, spotless bride.

Chorus: We will dance on streets that are golden,  
the glorious bride and the great son of man.  
From every tongue and tribe and nation  
Will join in the song of the Lamb.

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near. (echo)  
The risen King, our Groom, is soon to appear. (echo)  
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand. (echo)  
Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb. (echo)

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:14-30

Tim Pope

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup> "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

<sup>21</sup> “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>22</sup> “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

<sup>23</sup> “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>24</sup> “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

<sup>26</sup> “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup> ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,    The Gospel of Christ.*

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

**Anthem: “Down to the River to Pray w/ Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” – arr. M. MacDonald** sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier, Len Robinson, Bamise Banwo

*(all stand)*

### **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 and Thanksgivings**

*(all kneeling)*

Sylvia Besplug

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo  
The Rt. Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for Christ Church, Nanton and their clergy The Rev. Rob Cowie and The Rev. Gerald Skeet. We pray for St. Aldhelm, Vulcan and their priest The Rev. Gordon Cranch. We pray for the Diocesan Council. In our companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Paul, Calliaqua (kal-ee-a-kwa) with St. John, Belair and The Rev. Cano Ashton Francis

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for all those involved in the ministry of leadership: especially members of Corporation, Parish Council and Management Committee.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

*All* **Almighty God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

## Closing Hymn: Hymn #450 "You Call Us Lord, to Be

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,  
To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.

### *Refrain:*

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
To make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord to care for self and neighbor too,  
To take the risk, and dare to show what love can do. *Refrain.*

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;  
To tend it as a place of blessedness and worth. *Refrain.*

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,  
To know we best receive when joyfully we give. *Refrain.*

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

**Mary Lee Voort**

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Jim and Norm, Doreen and Elwood, Bev,  
Ruth and Alec, Mitz and Cecil.

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