

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



October 31, 2021 10:00 AM

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Trinity
Eve of All Saints
Morning Prayer
October 31, 2021

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Children's Focus

Wendy Doherty

Opening Hymn: #645 "Come Down, O Love Divine " (v 1, 2 & 4)

**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.**

**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.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far out pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.**

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.

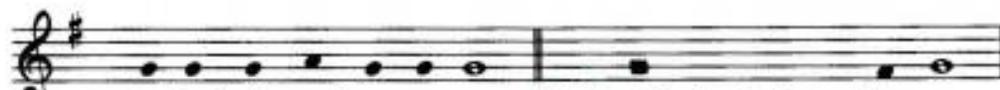
Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

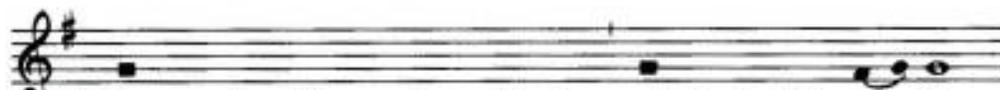
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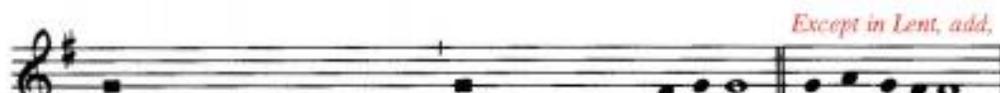
Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. *People* And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



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 Spir - it:



Except in Lent, add,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitatory

The Lord is glorious in his saints: **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: Ruth 1:1-18

Bev Dorchak

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from

there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Psalm 146



Praise the Lord O my soul; while I live will I ' praise the ' Lord:

*yea as long as I have any being, I will sing ' praises ' unto my ' God.

²O put not your trust in princes, nor in any ' child of ' man;

*for there ' is no ' help in ' them.

³For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn

*a ' gain • to his ' earth:

*and then ' all his ' thoughts ' perish.

⁴Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob ' for his ' help,

*and whose hope is ' in the ' Lord his ' God.

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that ' therein ' is;

*who ' keepeth his ' promise for ' ever;

⁶Who helpeth them to right that ' suffer ' wrong;

*who ' feed'eth the ' hungry.

⁷The Lord looseth men ' out of ' prison:

*the Lord ' giveth ' sight • to the ' blind.

⁸The Lord raiseth up ' them that • are ' fallen:

*the ' Lord ' loveth the ' righteous.

⁹The Lord careth for the strangers; he upholdeth the ' fatherless and ' widow:

*as for the way of the ungodly, he ' turneth it ' upside ' down.

¹⁰The Lord thy God O Sion shall be King for ' ever ' more,

*and through ' out all ' gene'rations.

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. ' A- ' men.

Second Reading Hebrews 9: 11-14

Michael Larsen

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here,[a] he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining[b] eternal redemption. ¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Gradual Hymn: "As the Deer"

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone, may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye. Chorus

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. Chorus

Gospel Reading Mark 12:28-34

The Rev. Canon James Robinson

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem

"Be Still My Soul" arranged by: Heather Sorenson

Sara Gateman James Robinson, Joanne Collier, Karen Hudson and Len Robinson

The Apostles' Creed (*all stand*)

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

Prayers of the People

(all kneeling)

Greg Young

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our diocese we pray for Christ Church, Fort Macleod and The Rev. Andrew Lees. We also pray from Calgary School for Mission & Ministry.

In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Andrew with Holy Innocents, St. Giles and St. Michael and The Ven. Michael Marshall. We also pray for St. John with St. Mark and St. Matthew on Grenada and The Rev. Coleridge Brooker, Priest-in-charge.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those who are involved in service and Mission and Outreach: Soup Kitchen Volunteers, PWRDF Coordinator, Parish Hamper Coordinator, ECM and Stephen ministers.

The Collect

(All kneel)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

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: # 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.*

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 Ettienne by his family.

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