



# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



September 26, 2021 10:00 AM

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**  
**Morning Prayer**  
Sept 26th, 2021

**Prelude**

Mary Lee Voort

**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Children's Focus**

The Rev. Steve Bateman  
Wendy Doherty

**Opening Hymn:** #631 "The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy"

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores  
what sin would destroy. God's power and glory  
in Jesus we know, and here and here-after the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace; the captives are freed,  
the sinners find place. The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice: believe the good news,  
repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners  
brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom  
shall answer his call, and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

**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,*

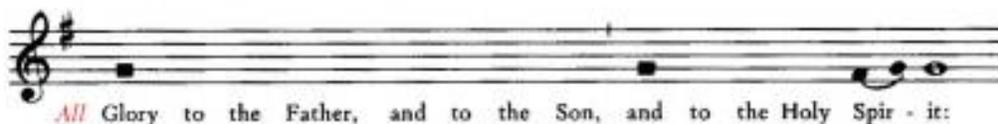
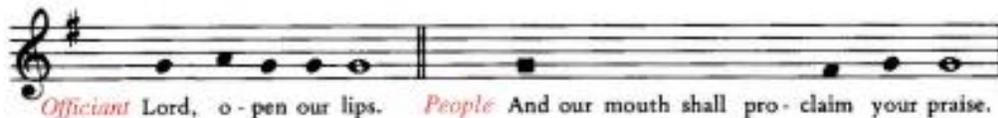
Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*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.**  
*(all stand)*



### The Invitatory

God rules over all the earth: **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:** Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22

Karen Hudson

So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, <sup>2</sup> and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

<sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. <sup>4</sup> For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

<sup>5</sup> King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

<sup>6</sup> Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!"

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. <sup>7</sup> The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

<sup>8</sup> Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining.

The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?"

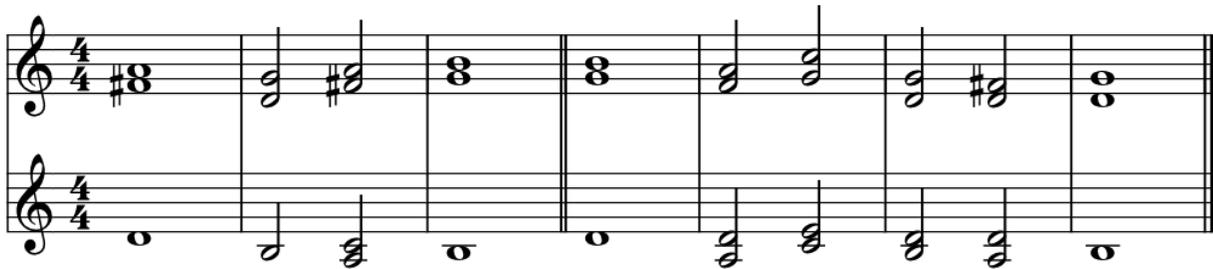
As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup> Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty

cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

The king said, "Impale him on it!"<sup>10</sup> So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided.

Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far,<sup>21</sup> to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar<sup>22</sup> as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

### Psalm 124

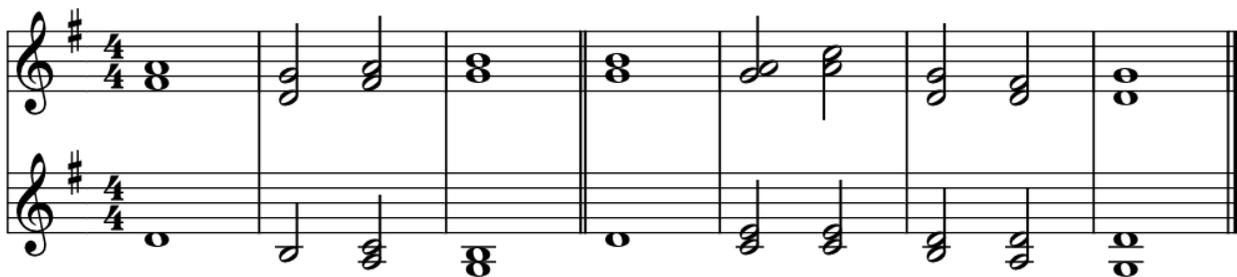


If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may 'Isra-el' say;  
\*if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when '  
'men rose' up a 'gainst us;

They had swallowed us ' up a 'live,  
\*when they were so ' wrathfully dis 'pleas-ed ' at us;

Then the ' waters had ' drowned us,  
\*and the ' torrent • had gone ' over our ' soul;

Yea, then the ' raging ' waters  
\*had gone ' even ' over our ' soul.



But praised ' be the ' Lord,  
\*who hath not given us over for a ' prey ' unto their ' teeth.

Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the ' snare • of the ' fowler:

\*the snare is ' broken and ' we are • de ' livered.

Our help standeth in the ' Name • of the " Lord,

\*who ' hath made ' heaven and ' earth.

**Second Reading** James 5:13-20

Nadia Lehbauer

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup>Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup>remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Gradual Hymn: "We Are Marching"

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are marching, *marching*. We are marching *Oo-oo*,

We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing for the Lord is our light. (Repeat)

We are singing, *singing*. We are singing, *Oo-oo*,

We are singing for the Lord is our light. (Repeat).

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are marching, *marching*. We are marching *Oo-oo*,

We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

*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.**

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

<sup>39</sup> “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>[44]</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>[46]</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where

“the worms that eat them do not die,  
and the fire is not quenched.’

<sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire.

<sup>50</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with each other.”

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Br. Jason Carroll

**Anthem**

“Come to Me”

Quartet by Erinn Roberts, Flora McKay, Joanne Collier and Karen Hudson  
Sarah Viejou, French Horn

**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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our diocese we pray for All Saints, Medicine Hat and The Rev. Guy Snell and The Rev. Deacon Gloria Schirok and we also pray for St. Theodore, Taber and The Rev. Canon Erin Phillips.

In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada and The Ven. Michael Marshall. We also pray for St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those providing technical support for livestream services.

### **The Collect**

*(All kneel)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* ***Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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: # 527 "How Firm a Foundation"**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not – I will not desert to its’ foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I’ll never – no, never – no, never forsake!”

**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  
French Horn: Sarah Viejou

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Bill and Iris  
and Mary’s parents, brother, and son.

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