

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 26, 2020

Anglican Churches of Grenville North

Service of Morning Prayer  
(Book of Alternative Services)

Opening Hymn: 632 *The King of Glory Comes*

**Refrain**

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

**Refrain**

In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
he goes among his people, curing their illness.

**Refrain**

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;  
he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

**Refrain**

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.  
And he will share with us his heavenly vision.

**Refrain**

**The Penitential Rite** (p. 45)

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*

*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.

*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,*

**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.**

**Opening Response** (p. 47)

**Officiant** O 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 - Jubilate**

*Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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

**Reading: Genesis 29:15–28 (NRSV)**

<sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” <sup>19</sup> Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” <sup>22</sup> So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup> But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup> When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” <sup>26</sup> Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**People:** Thanks be to God

**Psalm 128**

- 1** Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in the ways of God!
- 2** You shall eat the fruit of your labour; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3** Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

- 4 The one who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

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 Song: 502** *You are Salt for the Earth*

You are salt for the earth, O people;  
salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people;  
life in the kingdom of God!

**Refrain**

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!

You are light on the hill, O people;  
light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people;  
shine for the kingdom of God!

**Refrain**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people  
bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland;  
love is the kingdom of God!

**Refrain**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSV)**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

*People:* Thanks be to God

Homily: Rev. Andrew Wilson

Affirmation of Faith – 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

## The Collect

O God,  
the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal,  
that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## The Lord's Prayer (p. 54)

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

*All* 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 for ever. Amen.

## Dismissal

*Then may be said or sung,*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

**Closing Song: 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 hereafter 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.

**Thank you!**

Our readers today

Diana Tallman – Old Testament

Tara Cameron – Psalm

Sally MacInnis - Prayers

Ann Martin – Lay Reader

Scott & Tara – our musicians

Mike Venables – our videographer