



SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday September 6, 2020

Anglican Churches of Grenville North

Service of Morning Prayer
(Book of Alternative Services)

Opening Hymn: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

- 1 He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

- 2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
(Sing three times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

- 3 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

- 4 He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

The Penitential Rite (p. 45)

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 – 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!

Reading: Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 149 (*Inclusive Psalter, as approved by General Synod 2016*)

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their sovereign.
- 3 Let them praise the name of the Lord in the dance; *
let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in this people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 to wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 to bind their rulers in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 to inflict on them the judgement decreed; *
this is glory for all God's faithful people.
Hallelujah!

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: 313 *Laudate Dominum* (3x)
Sing, praise, and bless the Lord,
sing, praise and bless the Lord,
peoples, nations! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSV)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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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

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to redeem all of creation. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world. Grant us faith and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus as caretakers of, and justice-seekers for, your beautiful and bountiful creation. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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.

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Closing Song: 408 *Wind Upon the Waters*

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and dessert sand,
prairie, field, and meadow
shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters,
new-born by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew
all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

Thank you!

Ann Martin – Lay Reader

Scott & Tara – our musicians

Mike Venables – our videographer

Announcements

Re-opening – Our Diocese has now entered into the Amber Stage, which allows more in-house gatherings. However, there are still some restrictions. We hope to return to gathered worship on Sunday September 13. More news to come on this, including instructions as to how we will go about this.

