

St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Holy Eucharist

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude: A Mighty Fortress is our God

Opening Prayer:

~ Adapted from William Temple

Grant us Grace, O Father, to worship you in Spirit and truth;
That our consciences maybe quickened by your holiness,
Our minds nourished by your truth,
Our imaginations purified by your beauty,
Our hearts opened to your love,
Our wills surrendered to your purpose
And may all this be gathered up in adoration as we ascribe glory,
praise and honour to you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Musical: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Welcome: Fr. Kenute

The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Lord God our redeemer,

who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *(Philip Adridge/Neville Lowe)*

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *(Philip Adridge/Neville Lowe)*

1. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2. **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3. You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
4. **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.**
5. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
13. Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.
14. **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
15. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16. **Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.**
17. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

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 Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 *(Richard Morris/Lisa White-Legair)*

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Musical: O Master let me walk with Thee

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46 *Fr. Kenute*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer before the Sermon

Feed us now, Child of God, as you fed your first disciples.

Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us.

Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands for serving your world.

Feed us, so that we may be filled with your joy, for your love's sake.

Amen!

The Sermon: *Fr. Kenute*

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Richard Morris/Lisa White-Legair)*

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy."

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.
Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, especially Joyce Myers, Petrona Levy, Elmira Williams, Gilda Davis, Ruth Andrews, Don Krasnovich, Lucille Calder, Doraline Alexander, Helen Hancock, Mark Hancock, Gloria Parsons,

Ancille Parsons, Barbara Gordon, Hyacinth Brooks, Mary Engels, Hermon Lobban, Wilton Holas, Len Green and Marcia Sealy. Those who are dying, show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. In our parish, especially the families of Theon and Violet White, Lisa White-Legair, Pearl Whittaker, Sonia Wickham, Earl and Carmelita Williams and Ignorma Williams.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Lord, hear and have mercy

The Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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.

Amen.



The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Instrumental:

O Jesus I have Promised

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

**Musical during Communion: 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Bind us Together Lord**

Prayer after Communion

**God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,

Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

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Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.

Therefore go out into the world

and love the Lord your God

with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,

and love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;

May Christ Jesus set you free for love;

and may the Holy Spirit go where you go

...and protect you on your way.

And the Blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son and the Holy spirit
be with you now and always.
Amen.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Instrumental: We are Marching in the Light of God

Postlude: The Lord Bless You and Keep You