

Morning Prayer

Sunday, June 14, 2020 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Preacher: The Rev'd Fr. Harold Shepherd

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Prelude **Prelude on St. Gabriel (Healey Willan)**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant 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. Alleluia!**

Venite *Psalm 95.1-7*
Officiant The Lord is our refuge and strength:
People **O come, let us worship.**

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord;
All **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!**

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People **O come, let us worship.**

Hymn *To Abraham and Sarah (468)*

THORNBURY

To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
Dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;
And in their heart was written by God this saving word,
"That you shall be my people I will be your God."

We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people I will be your God."

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

¹⁰ **I kept my faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";**

¹¹ I said in my consternation,
"Everyone is a liar."

¹² **What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?**

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴ **I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ **O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.**

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

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.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Jesus Christ is Lord

Officiant Christ Jesus, by divine nature,
All **did not grasp for himself
a rank as equal with God.**

**He chose to empty himself,
becoming a humble slave,
and living the life of a man.**

**And human in every way,
he abased himself still more,
obedient to death on a cross.**

**So God has exalted him on high,
and given to him the name,
the greatest of all names;**

**So that at Jesus' name
every knee should bend low
in heaven, on earth, in the depths,**

**And every tongue proclaim:
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:35 – 10:8

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the

names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev'd Fr. Harold Shepherd

The Apostles Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith 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.**

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

*We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts.
Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.
We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish.
Instructions for submitting contributions can be found in the announcements.*

Officiant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Prayers

Intercessions

- Leader* Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer." O Lord, guard and direct your church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach us to use creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.
- All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Collect

- Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.**

Blessing*Officiant*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn*O Jesus, I Have Promised (438)*

WOLVERCOTE

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

Dismissal*Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.****Postlude****Prelude on Carlisle (Healey Willan)**

Announcements

Suspension of public worship in church buildings to last until September

In a letter to parishes sent out last week, the Toronto bishops have extended the suspension of public worship in buildings to last until at least September. This upholds the decision in the letter from the Ontario House of Bishops that was distributed the previous week. Dial-in and virtual worship will continue through the summer months until worship in the church building resumes.

Contributing Financially

There are three ways you can contribute financially to the parish:

1. By cheque, made payable to 'St John the Baptist Norway Anglican Church' and mailed to: 470 Woodbine Ave South, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 2H6.
2. Donate online through CanadaHelps.org. A link can be found on the main page of the parish website (stjohnsnorway.com).
3. Pre-authorized Debit (PAD). If you wish to sign-up for automatic monthly withdrawals, please contact the wardens.

Tax receipts are issued for all gifts after year-end.

Ministries for Children and Youth

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg is hosting weekly lessons on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For our youth, Elisabeth and Fr. Benjamin are hosting a weekly check-in over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at youth@stjohnsnorway.com.

Weekly Online/Dial-in Bible Study – Thursdays at 1PM – **PASSWORD: 077686**

On Thursdays at 1:00 PM, Fr. Jeffry and Fr. Benjamin are holding a bible study focusing on the gospel passage from the previous Sunday. All you need to participate is a bible and a computer or phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608).

Weekly Happy almost-an-Hour – Fridays at 5PM – **PASSWORD: 077686**

On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we are holding "Happy almost-an-Hour!" Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin (curate@stjohnsnorway.com, 647-608-5608).

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