

Morning Prayer

Sunday, August 2, 2020 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Officiant: The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard

Preacher: The Rev'd Fr. Harold Shepherd

Organist & Cantor: Damien Macedo

Prelude **Prelude on St. Osmund**

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 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (397)*

NETTLETON

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.
Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
⁹ **The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**
¹⁵ The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁶ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁷ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
¹⁸ **The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.**
¹⁹ The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
²⁰ **He fulfils the desire of those who fear him,
he hears their cry and helps them.**
²¹ The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.
²² **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**
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 9:1-5

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle A Song of Wisdom

Officiant Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors
a holy people and blameless race.

All **She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labours,
and led them by a marvellous way;
she was their shelter by day
and their starlight through the night.
She brought them across the Red Sea,
led them through mighty waters,
but their enemies she swallowed in the waves
and spat them out from the depths of the abyss.
Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your name,
and praised with one voice your protecting hand,
for Wisdom opened the mouths of the dumb,
and gave speech to the tongues of babes.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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.**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord." For the beauty and wonder of creation,

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of your people, revealing the image of Christ,
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For minds to think and hearts to love,
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For Saint John the Baptist and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ.
All **We thank you, Lord.**

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you favour and grant you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn *King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You (451)*

HERMON

King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
each demand of your high challenge dedicated to fulfil;
we with you by grace co-workers, till, where human foot has trod,
peoples, kings, dominions, races, own the empire of our God.

King of life, you have created wheat in golden harvest spread:
Make your servants strong to serve you by the gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken, with your blood outpoured sustain,
that our souls divinely strengthened may the life eternal gain.

King of mercy, you have saved us from the haunting sense of loss,
nailing in your vast compassion sin's indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish, from the past you cleanse and free,
breathing words of absolution throned and reigning from the tree.

King triumphant, King victorious, take your throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation snare us into deadly sin.
By the Spirit's rich anointing, grant us strength life's race to run,
till the power of sin be vanquished, till the prize of God be won.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **Postlude in D (Healey Willan)**

Announcements

Tentative re-opening date: Sunday, September 13, 2020

The Diocese of Toronto has indicated that parishes are tentatively expected to be able to re-open on Sunday, September 13, 2020. This is contingent on there being no resurgence of COVID-19. An instruction guide has been issued to parishes with instructions on health and safety protocols. The leadership team at St. John's has begun discussions regarding how to adapt these protocols to our parish context. We will contact the parish towards the end of August with further details. As we resume public worship in September and navigate the challenges of these new protocols, we will appreciate the cooperation and support of parishioners, as well as offers of help.

Break from Pre-Recorded Services and Friday Happy almost-an-Hour

As we prepare for re-opening, we will be taking a break from both our pre-recorded services and our Friday Happy almost-an-Hour sessions. The Sunday morning dial-in services will continue until we are able to gather in-person. Our final pre-recorded service was today, Sunday, August 2nd and our final Happy almost-an-Hour was this past Friday, July 31st.

Anglican & Luther Leadership Vision the Future (via Zoom)

Area Bishop Kevin Robertson and Dean Davis Kaneps discuss how the world today has changed the church as we know it and how we move forward in this new normal with the hope of our faith.

Registration and further information can be found here: <http://www.stbarnabas-toronto.com/pdf/Anglican%20%20Lutheran%20Webinar%20flyer%20Aug%2006%202020%20Finaler.pdf>.

Sisters of St. John the Divine hosting online course beginning in the autumn

The Sisters of St. John the Divine will be hosting several online courses beginning in the fall.

Registration and further information can be found here: <https://ssjd.ca/2020/07/25/online-courses/>.

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: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/50931>. A link can also 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.

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