

Holy Trinity Church Aug 15th , 2021

Opening hymn: OPENING - 505 Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, when victory is won;
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Welcome and Children Time

The Diocese of Central Newfoundland Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather as the as the unceded, ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq. We also acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, Inuit and Southern Inuit of this province. We recognize the benefits we receive by living on this land that is a traditional territory of Indigenous people, and commit to unbiased learning through

respectful listening to cultural teachings, wisdom and stories offered in hope of community, reconciliation and justice.

The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. Isaiah 55.6, 7

Invitation

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.

Confession

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.

Absolution

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.

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

(BAS pg.47)

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 Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

ISAIAH 7:10-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM

REFRAIN Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim. Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy. For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

"If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore." For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired her for his habitation.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

PSALM 132:6-10, 13-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 458 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
 And God's righteousness
 And all these things shall be added unto you
 Allelu Alleluia

Al – le – lu – ia, Al – le – lu – ia,
 Al – le – lu – ia, Al – le – lu,
 Al – le – lu – ia,

Ask and it shall be given unto you
 Seek and ye shall find
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
 Allelu Alleluia

Al – le – lu – ia, Al – le – lu – ia,
 Al – le – lu – ia, Al – le – lu,
 Al – le – lu – ia,

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

LUKE 2:1-7

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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.

Offertory Hymn

503 Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
 Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right:
 lay hold on life, and it shall be
 thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
 lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
 life with its path before us lies,
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy Guide
 his boundless mercy will provide;
 trust, and the trusting soul shall prove,
 Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
 he changeth not, and thou art dear;
 only believe, and thou shalt see

that Christ is all in all to thee.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS All thing come of thee O Lord....

Prayers of the People

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**")

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for N our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

381 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 to his feet your tribute bring.
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 evermore his praises sing.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
 to our forebears in distress.
 Praise him, still the same forever,
 slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
 well our feeble frame he knows.
 In his hand he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;

you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!