

## Holy Trinity Church July 4, 2021 Morning Prayer

### Opening hymn:

Welcome and Children Time

### Call to Worship

One: Be confident; hold your heads up high!

All: God's glorious presence is with us.

One: Be confident; rejoice in solidarity!

All: God's Word will strengthen us.

One: Be confident; face the unknown future!

All: God is present for us, in time and beyond.

One: Be confident; be ready for action!

All: God has entrusted us to do God's work.

### Opening Prayer

One: A baby opens her eyes to the world for the first time,

All: and we open our hearts to our loving God in worship.

One: A butterfly opens its wings in the sunshine for the first time,

All: and we open ourselves to see God's creation in a whole new light.

One: A young child goes through the school gates for the first time,

All: and we open ourselves to looking at Jesus in completely new ways.

One: A newly qualified nurse finds herself on the hospital ward for the first time,

All: and we open ourselves to serving as disciples of Jesus with an enthusiasm we had never imagined. Amen.

### Confession

**ALL: 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,

**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 Stand**

**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.

### **Pentecost**

**All:** Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL**

**Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David**

**built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.**

**2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

**I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.**

**Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.**      **2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn:**

## **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 Mark

**People:** Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

**Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.**

**MARK 6:1-13**

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon

## **Affirmation of Faith: The Hear, O Israel**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these

## **Offertory Hymn:**

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **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.****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.

**Prayer Remembering the children**

God of our ancestors,  
 who holds the spirit of our grandmothers  
 and grandfathers  
 and the spirits of our grandchildren,  
 Remembering the children  
 we now pledge ourselves to speak the truth,  
 and with our hearts and our souls  
 to act upon the truth we have heard  
 of the injustices lived,  
 of the suffering inflicted,  
 of the tears cried,  
 of the misguided intentions imposed,

and of the power of prejudice and racism  
which were allowed to smother the sounds  
and laughter of the forgotten children .

Hear our cries of lament

for what was allowed to happen, and for  
what will never be.

In speaking and hearing and acting upon  
the truth

may we as individuals and as a nation  
meet the hope of a new beginning.

Great Creator God

who desires that all creation live in  
harmony and peace.

Remembering the Children

we dare to dream of a path of Reconciliation  
where apology from the heart to lead to  
healing of the heart

and the chance of restoring the circle,  
where justice walks with all,

where respect leads to true partnership,  
where the power to change comes from  
each heart.

Hear our prayer of hope,

and guide this country of Canada

on a new and different path. **Amen**

### **Collect of the Day**

**ALL:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but 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