

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - April 21st, 2024
ACW Sunday - 4th Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn: Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose, every gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless still the hungry cry for bread,
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead,
As you Lord, in deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul,
Be your spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight.

**Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

Gathering:

Diocesan 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.

In Newfoundland and Labrador Indigenous people still face many barriers on a daily basis. We urge all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to educate themselves and others about the history of Indigenous people within the province and seek to address the challenges that Indigenous peoples still live through.

We recognize the benefits we receive by living on this land that is traditional territory of Indigenous people, and acknowledge our need to learn what our presence has cost first peoples.

We commit to unbiased learning through respectful listening to cultural teachings, wisdom and stories offered in hope of community, reconciliation and justice, sharing a common hope that all barriers will be recognized and broken, and the rights of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, Inuit, and Southern Inuit of this province can be upheld and respected. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The Gathering of the Community

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

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Presider: Today is Canada's day to celebrate and give thanks for the dedicated Anglican Church Women organization, and for the vocations and ministries of all women.

Presider: We pray the National Prayer of the Anglican Church Women of Canada,

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and in truth. Called to be your Church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word-A Reading from Ecclesiastes

The First Reading - A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God.

A Reading of Psalm 8

Lord our governor, *how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honour;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, * how exalted is your name in all the world!

Blessed are you, creator of heaven and earth; amid the immensity of the universe, you are mindful of us and seek us out. Blessed are you for the gift of your Son, who humbled himself to share our life that we might be raised with him to glory and splendour. Blessed be your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury your healing power
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Chorus:

Oh, master grant that I may ever seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Chorus:

**Oh, master grant that I may ever seek
So much to consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**3. Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all that we receive,
And to dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Chorus:

**Oh, master grant that I may ever seek
So much to consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

The Holy Gospel (John 20 11 -18)

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

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: The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1. The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing:
Our deeply felt thanksgivings, we now together bring.
For all God's many blessings, Unasked, yet still received,
And for the generations, who faithfully believed.
2. The love of Jesus calls us that we may always be
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see
That serving Christ is freedom, which time does not destroy
Where Christ's demand is duty, and every duty joy.
3. The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all the limits, to change, to learn, to grow.
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4. The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That god with men and women, may so transform the earth.
That love and peace and justice, may give God's kingdom
birth.

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in
the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our
shepherd.

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work
and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give
thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and
understanding so that we may serve in spirit and in truth. Called
to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service
be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our
communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we
always respond to the needs of others with love. We pray in
the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son,
Jesus our Saviour. Amen

Intercessions and Thanksgivings Prayers of the People
Please pray together:

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on the work and witness of Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving them wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that they may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. May this ministry always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen

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

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: that you will 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.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering. Please lift before the Lord, the names of those whom you know need prayer.

[The names of the beloved.]

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

Today we pray for these people of our parish:

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. **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. Amen**

Collect of the Day

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: **Onward ACW**
(To the tune of onward Christian soldiers)

1. Onward ACW, working for our King;
With glad hearts that praise him, joyfully we sing.
Bringing love and service, to uphold his cause,
Seeking truth and wisdom, honoring his laws.

Refrain

Onward ACW, working for our king;
Singing joyous praises, let our voices ring!

2. Not for might or power, nor for worldly gain
Do we band together follow in his train

But to serve his hurting, of a world in need
For our god to witness in thought, word and deed.

Refrain

Onward ACW, working for our king;
Singing joyous praises, let our voices ring!

3. Let us not grow weary, when rough is the way
God has promised always strength to match our day,
"Onward" be our motto; let us never shirk
From the task he gives us, sharing his great work.

Refrain

Onward ACW, working for our king;
Singing joyous praises, let our voices ring!

4. We will claim the promise "I will go with you"
He will never leave us, he will see us through,
Onward ACW go with courage strong,
Make god's will our purpose, as we move along.

Refrain

Onward ACW, working for our king;
Singing joyous praises, let our voices ring!

Leader: The Worship is Over.

All: Our Service Begins.