

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - May 12th, 2024
7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday - Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: God Of the Mountain

LIFE IS EASY, WHEN YOU'RE UP ON THE MOUNTAIN
AND YOU'VE GOT PEACE OF MIND, LIKE YOU'VE
NEVER KNOWN.

THEN THINGS CHANGE AND YOUR DOWN IN THE
VALLEY;

DON'T LOSE FAITH, FOR YOUR NEVER ALONE.

CHORUS :

FOR THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN, IS STILL GOD OF
THE VALLEY,

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, I KNOW THAT HE'LL
MAKE THEM RIGHT.

AND THE GOD OF THE GOOD TIMES, IS STILL GOD
OF THE BAD TIMES,

THE GOD OF THE DAY IS STILL GOD OF THE NIGHT.

YOU TALK OF THINGS WHEN, YOUR UP ON THE
MOUNTAIN;

THOUGH THE TALK COMES EASY, WHEN LIFE'S AT
IT'S BEST.

BUT DOWN IN THE VALLEY OF TRIALS AND
TEMPTATION;

THAT'S WHEN FAITH IS, REALLY PUT TO THE TEST.

CHORUS:

FOR THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN, IS STILL GOD OF
THE VALLEY,
WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, HE'LL MAKE THEM RIGHT.
AND THE GOD OF THE GOOD TIMES, IS STILL GOD
OF THE BAD TIMES,
THE GOD OF THE DAY, IS STILL GOD OF THE NIGHT.

Welcome and Children Time

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 forever. Amen.

Venite (BAS p. 49)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;* 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!

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And

they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A reading of PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Hail Mary Gentle Mother

**HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH
YOU,
BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMAN, AND BLEST IS
THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB, JESUS
HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US
SINNERS NOW
AND AT THE HOUR OF DEATH. AMEN**

CHORUS:

**GENTLE WOMAN, QUIET LIGHT, MORNING START SO
STRONG AND BRIGHT,
GENTLE MOTHER, PEACEFUL DOVE, TEACH US
WISDOM, TEACH US LOVE,**

**1. YOU WERE CHOSEN BY THE FATHER, YOU WERE
CHOSEN FOR THE SON
YOU WERE CHOSEN FROM ALL WOMEN, AND FOR
WOMEN,
SHINING ONE...**

CHORUS:

**GENTLE WOMAN, QUIET LIGHT, MORNING START SO
STRONG AND BRIGHT,
GENTLE MOTHER, PEACEFUL DOVE, TEACH US
WISDOM, TEACH US LOVE,**

**2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn, all
women too
Blessed they with peaceful spirits, blessed they with
gentle hearts,**

CHORUS:

**GENTLE WOMAN, QUIET LIGHT, MORNING START SO
STRONG AND BRIGHT,
GENTLE MOTHER, PEACEFUL DOVE, TEACH US
WISDOM, TEACH US LOVE,**

The Gospel Reading - JOHN 17:6-19

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

Jesus said, "Father, I have made your name known to those
whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you
gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they

know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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: Give thanks With A Grateful Heart

1. GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART, GIVE
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST
HIS SON,
GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATEFUL HEART, GIVE
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST
HIS SON,

2. AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY, I AM STRONG,
LET THE POOR SAY, I AM RICH, BECAUSE OF WHAT
THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US,
AND NOW LET THE WEAK SAY, I AM STRONG, LET
THE POOR SAY, I AM RICH BECAUSE OF WHAT THE
LORD HAS DONE, FOR US.

3. GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATEFUL HEART, GIVE
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST
HIS SON,
GIVE THANKS WITH A GREATEFUL HEART, GIVE
THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE,
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN JESUS CHRIST
HIS SON.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

ALL: Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Prayers of the People pg.121-122

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: I Saw the Light

1. I wandered so aimless; life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus :

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

2. Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus:

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

3. I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate, and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Chorus:

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night,
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Leader: The worship is over.

All: Our Service begins.