

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Sept. 1st, 2024
15th Sunday after Pentecost - Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: This God is your God
(To the tune of This Land is you land)

Chorus:

This God is your God, this God is my God,
He is the one God that you must follow,
All men are equal, all men are brothers,
This God is made for you and me.

1. As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me the endless skyway,
I saw above me a golden valley,
This god is made for you and me.

Chorus:

This God is your God, this God is my God,
He is the one God that you must follow,
All men are equal, all men are brothers,
This God is made for you and me.

2. I roamed and rambled, I followed in footsteps,
Through the golden sands of, the diamond desert,
And far above me a voice was saying,
This God is made for you and me.

Chorus:

This God is your God, this god is my God,
He is the one God that you must follow,
All men are equal, all men are brothers,
This God is made for you and me.

3. We'll walk that highway; we'll find that valley,
We'll roam and ramble through all life's deserts,
We'll never falter, we have a helper,
This God is made for you and me.

Chorus:

This God is your god, this God is my God,
He is the one God that you must follow,
All men are equal, all men are brothers,
This god is made for you and me.

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 pg. 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 SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of

singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

REFRAIN: God has blessed you forever.

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer. You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.

God has blessed you forever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

God has blessed you forever.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir. **God has blessed you forever.**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are

religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

**1. FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH, FOR THE GLORY
OF THE SKIES,
FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH,
OVER AND AROUND US LIES,
LORD OF ALL TO YOU WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF
GRATEFUL PRAISE**

**2. FOR THE BEAUTY OF EACH HOUR, OF THE DAY
AND OF THE NIGHT,
HILL AND VALE, AND TREE AND FLOWR,
SUN AND MOON AND STARS OF LIGHT,
LORD OF ALL TO YOU WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF
GRATEFUL PRAISE.**

**3. FOR THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE,
BROTHER, SISTER, PARENT, CHILD.
FRIENDS ON EARTH AND FRIENDS ABOVE,
FOR ALL GENTLE THOUGHTS AND MILD.
LORD OF ALL TO YOU WE RAISE, THIS OUR HYMN OF
GRATEFUL PRAISE.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled

hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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: Far Side Banks of Jordan

1. I'll admit my steps are growing wearier each day,
Still, I've got a certain journey on my mind.

Lures of this old world have ceased to make me want to stay,

My one regret is leaving you behind.

2. If it proves to be his will, that I'm the first to go,
And somehow, I've a feeling it will be.

When it comes your turn to travel likewise don't feel lost,
For I will be the first one that you see.

Chorus:

And I'll be waiting on the far side banks of Jordan,

I'll be sitting, drawing pictures in the sand,

And when I see you coming, I will rise up with a shout,

And come running through the shallow water,

Reaching for your hand.

3. Through this life we've labored long to earn our
meagre fare,
Its brought us trembling hands and failing eyes.
So, I'll just rest there on that shore, and turn my eyes
away,
Until you come, then we'll see paradise.

Chorus:

And I'll be waiting on the far side banks of Jordan,
I'll be sitting, drawing pictures in the sand,
And when I see you coming, I will rise up with a shout,
And come running through the shallow water,
Reaching for your hand.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

ALL: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another that your love may be
made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

The Prayers of the People pg.121-122

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Let up pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant tat
we may lie together in justice and faith.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, The Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve tis people according to his holy will. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for children and young people, the Lord guide their growth and development. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Collect of the Day

ALL: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion,

nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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: Keep on the Sunny Side

1. There's a dark and a troubled side of life,
There's a bright and a sunny side too,
Though you meet with the darkness and strife,
The sunny side may also find you.

Chorus:

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side,
Keep on the sunny side of life,
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way,
If we keep on the sunny side of life.

2. Oh, the storm and its fury broke today,
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear,
Clouds and storms will in time pass away,
The sun again will shine bright and clear.

Chorus:

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side,
Keep on the sunny side of life,
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way,
If we keep on the sunny side of life.

3. Let us greet with a song of hope each day,
Though the moment be cloudy or fair,
Let us trust in our Saviour away,
Who keepeth everyone in his care.

Chorus:

Keep on the sunny side always on the sunny side,
Keep on the sunny side of life,
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way,
If we keep on the sunny side of life.

Leader: The worship is over.

All: Our Service begins.