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2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabeg Peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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 ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to myself. John 12.31, 32*

VENITE

PSALM 95.1-7

Celebrant: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Celebrant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

People: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Celebrant: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great king above all gods.

Celebrant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

People: and the heights of the hills are his also.

Celebrant: The sea is his for he made it,

People: and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Celebrant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

People: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

Celebrant: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

People: Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE PSALMS

PSALM 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

People: 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

THE READINGS

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL 8:4-20, 11:14-15

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations."

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also, they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your

vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.

He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day, you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So, all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

People: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture--"I believed, and so I spoke" -- we also believe, and so we speak because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So, we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (3:20-35)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."

And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

People: **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.

REFLECTION

My sense is that the story of the 215 children's remains found at the residential school on Kamloops has had a profound impact upon us. These types of revelations will leave with all sorts of emotions from grief to anger, from guilt to despair, from powerlessness to a sense of confusion. This morning I am going to simply lead us through prayers – one a litany from the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land and the second a prayer from Toronto Urban Native Ministry – and I am going to believe that God moves each of us to respond appropriately. We recognize that we as the church, like the people of Israel who lived out the consequences of the choices that others had made before them in seeking a king, need to make choices of our own that seek wholeness, reconciliation and restitution. That process starts with prayer, listening, acknowledging and asking for forgiveness, but leads to hope and a new way of being as we faithfully follow God into the future.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Celebrant: Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

- Celebrant: From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land, Saviour,
People: forgive and heal us.
- Celebrant: From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality, Saviour,
People: forgive and heal us.
- Celebrant: From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land, Saviour,
People: forgive and heal us.
- Celebrant: From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind, Saviour,
People: forgive and heal us.
- Celebrant: From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people, Saviour,
People: forgive and heal us.
- Celebrant: O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do
People: Hear us, O Christ.
- Celebrant: Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one.
People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray, we hold close to our hearts today those whose absence leaves a gap too great for words. We hold to our hearts and grieve those beautiful lives cut short by colonial violence. For the thousands of children who did not return home from residential school, For the many Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ2S+ people who are missing, or taken from us, May love surround them. May love circle those who miss them from their circles of love, family, and Community. May love empower and encourage us to act with compassion, understanding, and peace. Peace and dignity to all beings, of earth, sky, and sea. We lament the violence at every level of Canadian society. May we all listen and follow the leadership of the families in this time of reckoning and calls for justice. May the chains of violence in hearts and communities be healed at their deepest roots. We hold close to our hearts the tears of so many, and the dead who lay in the earth. We commit ourselves to praying, listening, being in relationship, speaking, and acting for the healing of the generations past and generations to come. Creator of life- unleash the healing of your love in this land. In the spirit of the Creator who is with us now

People: Amen.

THE COLLECT

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: **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.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NOTICES: Through June we will be studying the Book of Joel starting on the 10th of June from 7:30 to 9:00 each Thursday evening via Zoom.

BLESSING:

Celebrant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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Prayer for those Who Did not Return Home from Residential School and for all Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
By Toronto Urban Native Ministry

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Simon Bell
Video: Simon Bell/David Paradis

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Jane & Ron Lewis; Adesh; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Cecilia Mowat; Tanya Bowskill; Sheri Scott; Audrey Moody; Wally Raymond; Christine; Kim; AJ; Dorothy & Chuck; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wendy; Adara; Jean Glionna; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Lynda Raye; Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Sean; Sophia L; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Kevin Hamann; Michelle Sinclair's Mom & Dad; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Laura Johnston; Marilyn Foley; Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Marg Abbott; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Martin & Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Zimbabwe

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Scarborough Deanery