

**Welcome to St. James' – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Pentecost 18 – Morning Prayer**

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

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**People:** *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.*

Celebrant: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** *Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY #384**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: All ye who hear, brothers and sister draw near, praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reign-eth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustain-eth: Hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been granted in what he ordain-eth.

**Collect –** *Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20

**Psalm 19** Vs 1 – 14 p. 725 – 726

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \* *and the firmament shows his handiwork.*
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \* *and one night imparts knowledge to another.*
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \* *and their voices are not heard,*
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* *and their message to the ends of the world.*
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \* *it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \* *nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* *the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* *the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* *the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* *sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \* **and in keeping them there is great reward.**  
 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \* **cleanse me from my secret faults.**  
 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \* **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**  
 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \* **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Praying Together: **Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.**

Second Reading:                      **Philippians 3: 4b – 14**  
~~END OF SESSION 1~~

**SESSION 2**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:      JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES (Before & After the Gospel)**

Jesus, Name above all names, Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord.  
 Emmanuel, God is With Us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 21: 33 – 46**

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**HOMILY**

~~END OF SESSION 2~~

**SESSION 3**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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***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.***

**Invitation to Prayer: (sung) Lord Listen to Your Children Praying**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

**Prayers of the People –      Lord hear our prayer**

+++++++ Prayers of the People ++++++++

We offer our prayers for our family, friends and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness. We pray for:

Anne, Evy, Charlie, Dennis, Beth, Isabel, Al, Pam, Bob, Marg, Chris, Ruth, Dave, Al, Beverley, Inez, Dylan, Murray, Lynne, Rick, Lou, Gwen, Myra, Judy, Dianne, Corey, Nancy and Jack, Carol and Rick, Karen, Glenn, Janet, Barbara, Keith, Corie, Penny, Linda, Everly, Heather, Tammy, Clara, Lennox, Ruth, Edith, Sandy, Doug, Kirsten, Bill, Suzanne, Krista, Lynda, Bess, Devin and Joan.

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Praying Together: ***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

**OFFERTORY HYMN: DEEP WITHIN**

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**REFRAIN:**

***Deep within I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.  
Follow me, I will bring you back, you will be my own and I will be your God.***

I will give you a new heart, a new spirit with in you, for I will be your strength.

**REFRAIN**

Return to me, with all your heart, and I will bring you back.

**REFRAIN**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung) p. 54**

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**CLOSING HYMN: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE #425**

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Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

**Dismissal:** Let us depart in peace to love and serve the Lord. ***Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!***

**GO NOW IN PEACE (sung)**

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Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.

**~~END OF SESSION 3~~**