

St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service

Proper 21 - September 27, 2020

[Un-bolded words are said by one, **Bolded words** can be said by all.]

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8, 9*

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.

Silence is kept.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Lord, open our lips, **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **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.** **Alleluia!**

God rules over all the earth: **O come, let us worship.**

***Venite*** *Psalm 95:1-7*

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!**

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.**

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A Reading from Exodus 17:1-7.

*From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” 4So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 5The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”*

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*

**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a parable; \*

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, \*

**we will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come

the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*

**and the wonderful works he has done.**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*

**in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*

**he made the waters stand up like walls.**

He led them with a cloud by day, \*

**and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*

**and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

He brought streams out of the cliff, \*

**and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

Glory be 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.**

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians 2:1–13.

***2*** *If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,*

*6 who, though he was in the form of God,*

*did not regard equality with God*

*as something to be exploited,*

*7 but emptied himself,*

*taking the form of a slave,*

*being born in human likeness.*

*And being found in human form,*

*8 he humbled himself*

*and became obedient to the point of death—*

*even death on a cross.*

*9 Therefore God also highly exalted him*

*and gave him the name*

*that is above every name,*

*10 so that at the name of Jesus*

*every knee should bend,*

*in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*11 and every tongue should confess*

*that Jesus Christ is Lord,*

*to the glory of God the Father.*

*12Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* (CP #505)

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (Matthew 21:23–32). **Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*23When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” 24Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” 27So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.*

*28“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. 30The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. 31Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.*

The Gospel of Christ: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles’ Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

*As we abide in God’s presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying,*

*“Lord, have mercy.”*

*For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Hear and answer our prayers, O Lord, according to your will, and your grace.*

[***Take a moment of silence to offer up prayers and thanksgivings, for yourself and others. Our weekly prayer list can be found in this week’s bulletin.***]

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.* ***And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

Collect

*Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* ***Amen.***

The Lord’s Prayer

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

**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.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *How I Love You* (MP #246)

Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**