

St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service

**Service for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

September 18, 2022

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

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 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.**

Opening All-Ages Song: *10 Commands*

**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.**

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!**

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

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A reading from the book of Amos 8:4–7.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, “When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalm 113

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*

**praise the name of the Lord.**

Let the name of the Lord be blessed, \*

**from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down \*

**let the name of the Lord be praised.**

The Lord is high above all nations, \*

**and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*

**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

He takes up the weak out of the dust \*

**and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes, \*

**with the princes of his people.**

He makes the woman of a childless house \*

**to be a joyful mother of children.**

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 first letter to Timothy 2:1–7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Hymn: *Come Thou Fount* (CP #354)

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (16:1–13)

**Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

Let us confess the 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**

*In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear and have mercy.”*

*We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.* ***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.* ***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.* ***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: especially remembering the victims of violence, their families and friends, and the entire James Smith Cree Nation and surrounding communities; show them your kindness and mercy.* ***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*We pray for one another:* [***Our weekly prayer list can be found in this week’s bulletin.* *Take a moment to offer up to the Lord your own petitions and prayers, for yourself or others, either silently or aloud.***] *may we always be united in service and love.*

***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.* ***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*We pray for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia, and all who are facing the horrors of war.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,*

*that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,*

*for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.*

***Almighty God,***

***kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.* ***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

*May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ’s saints.*

***Lord, hear and have mercy.***

Collect

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth,

and ourselves in your image.

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive 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: *Be Thou My Vision* (MP #51)

Dismissal

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**