

Bishop's Action Appeal 2020

The Mile End Community Mission: For most of their members, the pandemic has added a tremendous financial strain to already limited budgets and has left many feeling even more vulnerable and isolated than they were before. To answer the need, the mission has been providing free hot take-out meals, a weekly food bank service and grocery delivery.

Action Réfugiés Montréal: For some newcomers, huddling at home, not being able to work with children out of school, brought memories of their time in exile before coming to Canada. The situation has made it essential for staff at ARM to provide ongoing support to the people they serve.

Tyndale-St Georges Community Centre continues its commitment to the community of Little Burgundy. Focused on preventing isolation during the pandemic, the Centre is offering new outreach programs, including an online children's library, remote family support and emergency food security.



This year we are also asking you to support a special appeal in conjunction with the Compass Rose Society: the **Princess Basma Hospital** in Jerusalem. A project of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, the Hospital provides rehabilitation and educational assistance for Palestinian children with disabilities. They are urgently appealing for our help to continue their vital work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pentecost 21
October 25th
2020

(West Bank Wall,
Bethlehem, Israel)



Land and Sea Acknowledgement

In this holy time and place,
we acknowledge with respect
that we gather on the traditional,
ancestral territories of the Mohawk
and Abanaki first peoples.

And we pray for a just resolution of the
dispute in Nova Scotia over fishing
rights for the Sipekne'katik community

**May the living Christ lead us always on
pathways of reconciliation and peace.**



God is our fortress and our rock,
our mighty help in danger,
who shields us from the battle's shock
and thwarts the devil's anger:
for still the prince of night
prolongs his evil fight;
he uses every skill
to work his wicked will
no earthly force is like him.

2 Our hope is fixed on Christ alone,
the Man, of God's own choosing;
without him nothing can be won
and fighting must be losing:
so let the powers accursed
come on and do their worst,
the Son of God shall ride,
to battle at our side,
and he shall have the victory.

3 The word of God will not be slow
while demon hordes surround us,
though evil strike its cruellest blow
and death and hell confound us:
for even if distress
should take all we possess,
and those who mean us ill
should ravage, wreck, or kill,
God's kingdom is immortal!



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 neighbour

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 might delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.



Opening Sentences

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.**

God of all who wander in the wilderness,
you go before us as beacon and guide.
Lead us through all danger,
sustain us through all desolation,
and bring us home to the land
you have prepared for us. **Amen.**



Venite

Come, let us sing to God on high,
the Rock of our salvation praise;
come with thanksgiving to God's courts
and joyful psalms before Him raise.

For God is Lord above all gods,
the heights and depths are in His hand;
God made the sea and it is His,
God's hands have molded the dry land.

Let us bow down and worship God
who is our maker and our Lord;
we are God's people and His sheep;
today, then, hearken to God's Word.



Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain -- that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees -- as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.



Above: Mt Pisgah/
Mt. Nebo, Jordan



Left: Mt Pisgah,
Lake Willoughby, VT

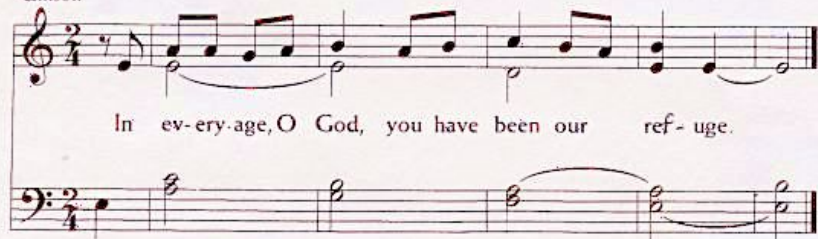
Psalm 90

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Part One (1-6)

God, you have been our refuge in every generation.
Before the mountains were brought forth
before earth and world were formed

from age to age everlasting, you are God.

You turn frail humans back to dust, saying, "Return you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,
a day that is past, a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass that is fresh in the morning,
like grass which in the morning is green,
but in the evening is dried up and withered. R

Part Three (13-17)

Turn back, O God! How long? Have compassion on your servants.

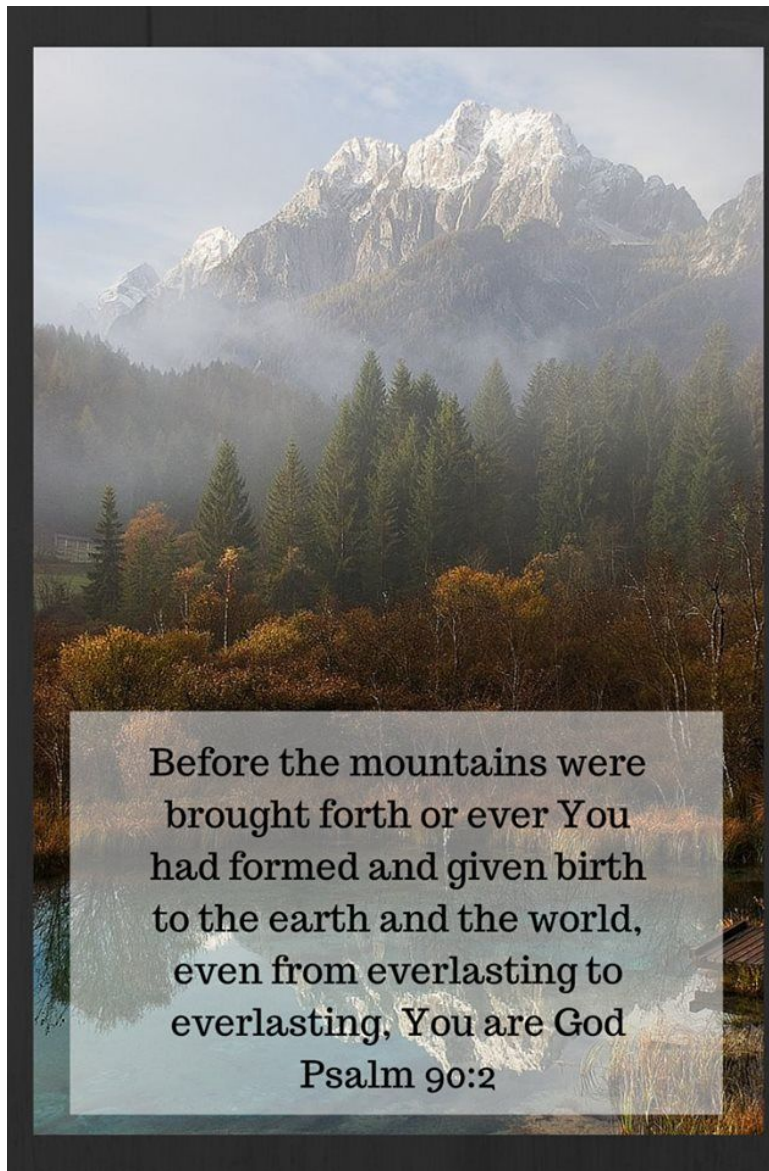
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
as many years as we have suffered adversity.

Show your servants your work, and let their children see your glory.

Let the favour of our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.

Prosper the work of our hands. R



Before the mountains were
brought forth or ever You
had formed and given birth
to the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to
everlasting, You are God

Psalm 90:2

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.



Lord, whose love in humble service

Bore the weight of human need,
Who did on the cross forsaken,
Show us mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart:
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light,
Till the height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our human sight:
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to faithful service,
Your abundant life to share.



Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Love Thy Neighbor

Thy Homeless Neighbor

Thy Muslim Neighbor

Thy Black Neighbor

Thy Gay Neighbor

Thy White Neighbor

Thy Jewish Neighbor

Thy Christian Neighbor

Thy Atheist Neighbor

Thy Racist Neighbor

Thy Addicted Neighbor



Sermon by the Rev. Nick Forte

Our Affirmation of Faith in Action

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.





Prayers of
the People

**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.**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du Mal.
Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le Règne,
la puissance et la gloire aux siècles des siècles.
Amen.**

Closing Prayers

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God,
your Son has shown us how to love one another.
May our love for you overflow into joyous service
and be a healing witness to our neighbors
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord/ **Thanks be to God!**



Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue,
you only, Lord, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

2 The task your wisdom has assigned
here let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my work your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.

3 You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost secrets view,
and labor on at your command
and offer all my work to you.

4 Help me to bear your easy yoke,
in ev'ry moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look
and hasten to that glorious day.

5 Then with delight may I employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you in heaven.



