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A Service of Morning Prayer for the Second Sunday  
After Pentecost (13 June 2021)

# A Prayer for Community

In all the uncertainties of life, we continue to gather in prayer and worship — although not yet in person.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

May this time of Scripture, music, and prayer, inspire us in faith, and embolden us in acts of love for your world.



**Amen**

# Territorial Acknowledgment

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on the lands that we now call Canada; their relationship with the land was, and remains today, at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

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

We pray for the families of the children found buried at the Kamloops Residential School, and for all who continue to suffer as a result of violence and racism against indigenous peoples. Above all, we pray for a spirit of truth and genuine reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

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



# Hymn 7: New every morning is the love



1. New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely  
brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

4. Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,  
as more of heaven in each we see;  
some softening gleam of love and prayer  
shall dawn on every cross and care.

5. The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask;  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

6. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

2. New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of  
heaven.

3. If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

# Opening Responses

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 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.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness.  
**O come, let us worship.**

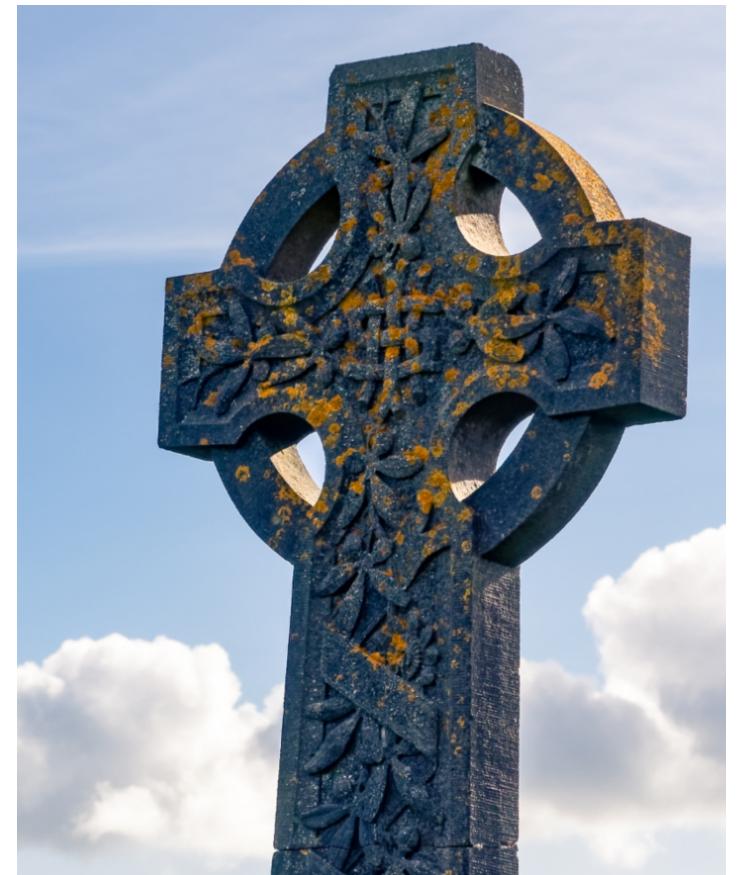


# Confession and Absolution

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 God's infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 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.**



# Hymn 354: Come thou fount

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my God's unchanging love.

2. Here I make faith's affirmation:  
thus far by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.



# 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

# Psalm 29

Refrain

Norman L. Warren 1972, alt.

Unison

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. It features eighth-note patterns with dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The lyrics 'Not a word shall fail of the promise God has made.' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef, common time, also with a key signature of one flat. It features quarter-note patterns with dynamic markings like 'p' and 'f'. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the line.

May God answer you in the day of trouble,  
and the name of God defend you.

May God send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from the holy mountain.  
May God remember all your offerings,  
and accept your burnt sacrifices.

May God grant you your heart's desire,  
and give success to all your plans.

May we rejoice in your victory  
and triumph in the name of our God.

May God fulfil your every wish. R

Now I know, O God, that you help your anointed,  
and will answer from your holy heaven  
with the victorious might of your right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots,  
and some in horses;  
but we will trust in the name of our God.

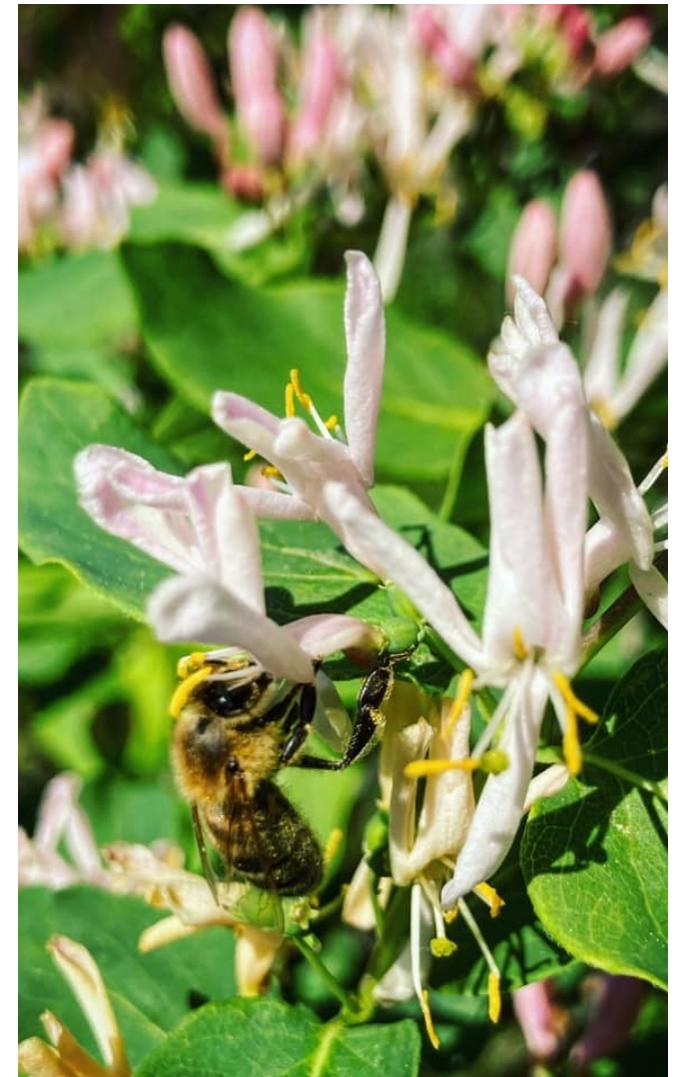
They will totter and fall;  
but we shall rise and stand upright.  
God, save those who rule,  
and answer us when we call. R

# 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



# Hymn 259: For the fruit of all creation

1. For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

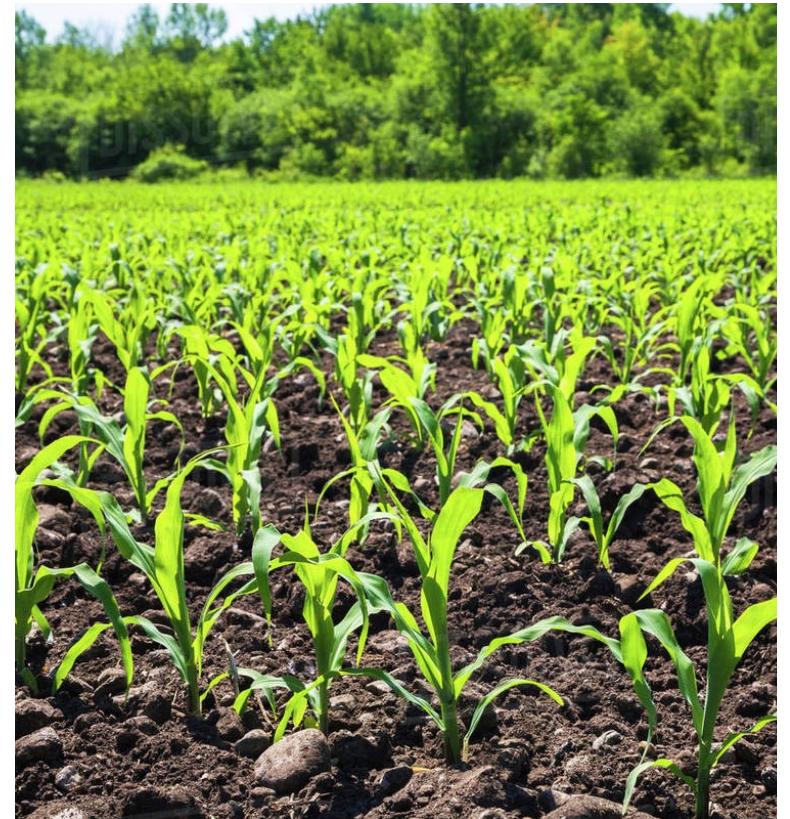


3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

# Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



# The Sermon

Fr. Nicholas Forte



# Confession of Faith

1. We believe in God the Father,  
God Almighty by whose plan,  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary,  
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,

like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
'Till as judge he comes again.

3. We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
Saints of God in one  
communion, one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.



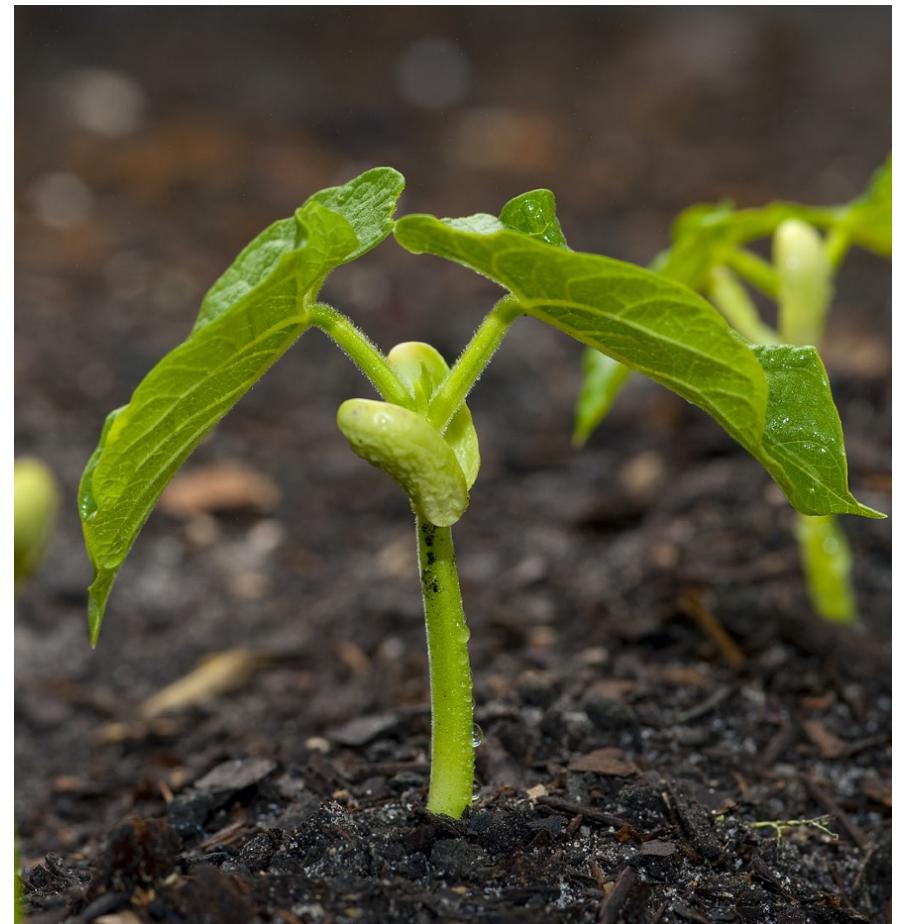


# The Prayers of the People

Led by  
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# The Collect of the Day

God, the Divine Sower,  
you scatter your seed  
generously: may we be rich  
soil and receive your gift so  
freely given, so that we may  
revel in love's abundant,  
reckless growth; through  
Jesus Christ, the grain of  
life. **Amen.**





# The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

**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, pour les  
siècles des siècles. Amen.**

# Hymn 189: God is working his purpose out



- 1 God is working His purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working His purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near:  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.
- 2 From utmost east to utmost west  
wherever man has trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
rings out the voice of God:  
listen to me you continents,  
you islands look to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.
- 3 We shall march in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
we shall fight with sorrow and sin  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.
- 4 All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed:  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

# **Dismissal and Grace**

Living God, you create all that is.  
Send forth your Spirit to renew and  
restore us, so that we may proclaim  
your good news; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit be upon you this  
day and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the  
Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

