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A Service of Morning Prayer for the Fifth Sunday  
After Pentecost (27 June 2021)

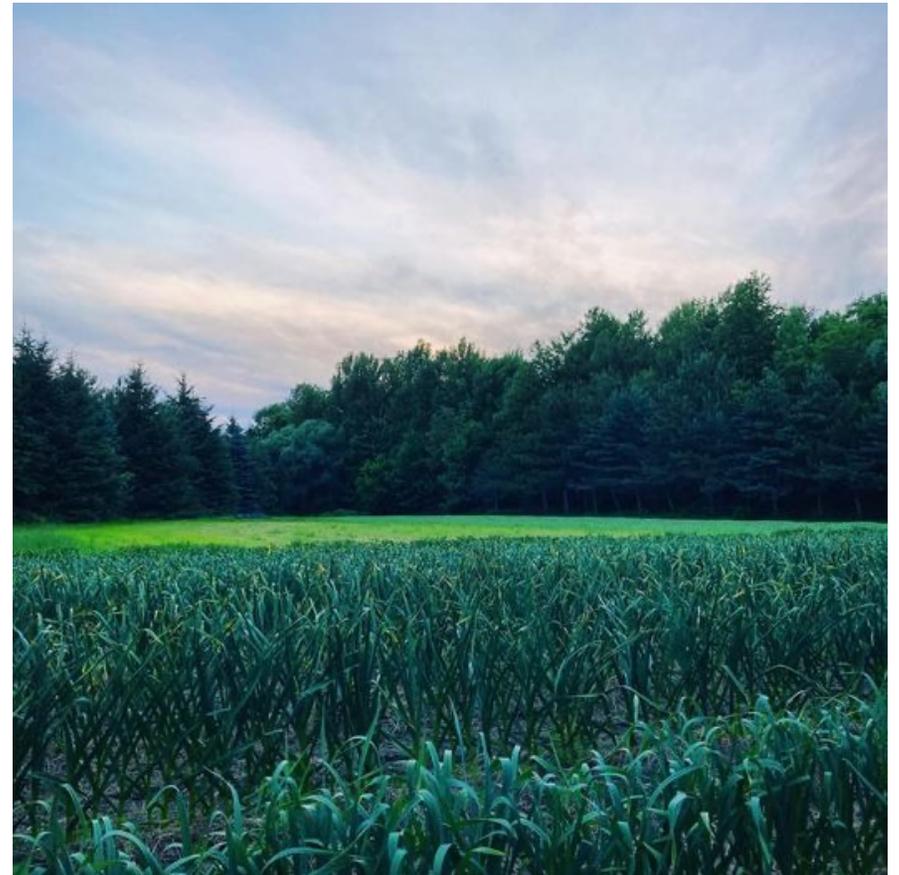
# A Prayer for Community

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 Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples.

We pray for the families of the countless unnamed children found buried at former Residential School sites across our country, 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 606: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

3. There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

4. Foolish hearts, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Fainting souls, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?

5. For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

# 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 Gos'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 393: Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient  
of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we  
praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring  
above  
thy clouds which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and  
small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the  
tree,  
then wither and perish, but nought  
changeth thee.

4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom  
and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their  
sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth  
thee.

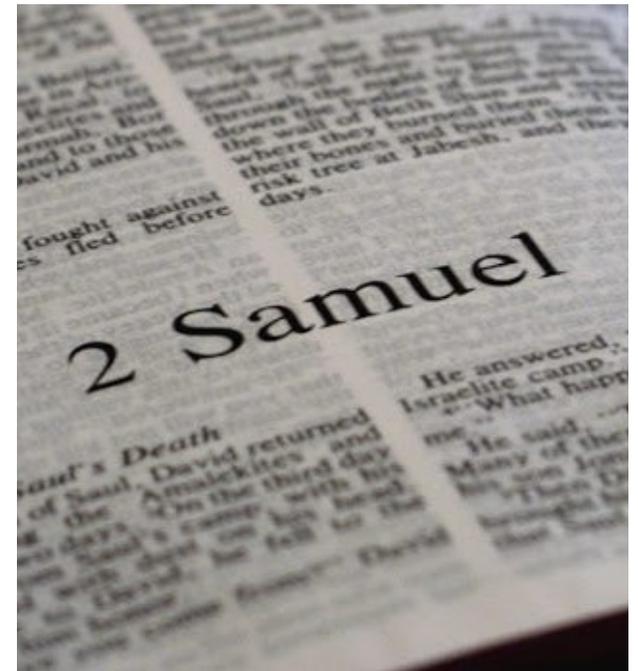
# 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!



# Psalm 130

Unison



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,

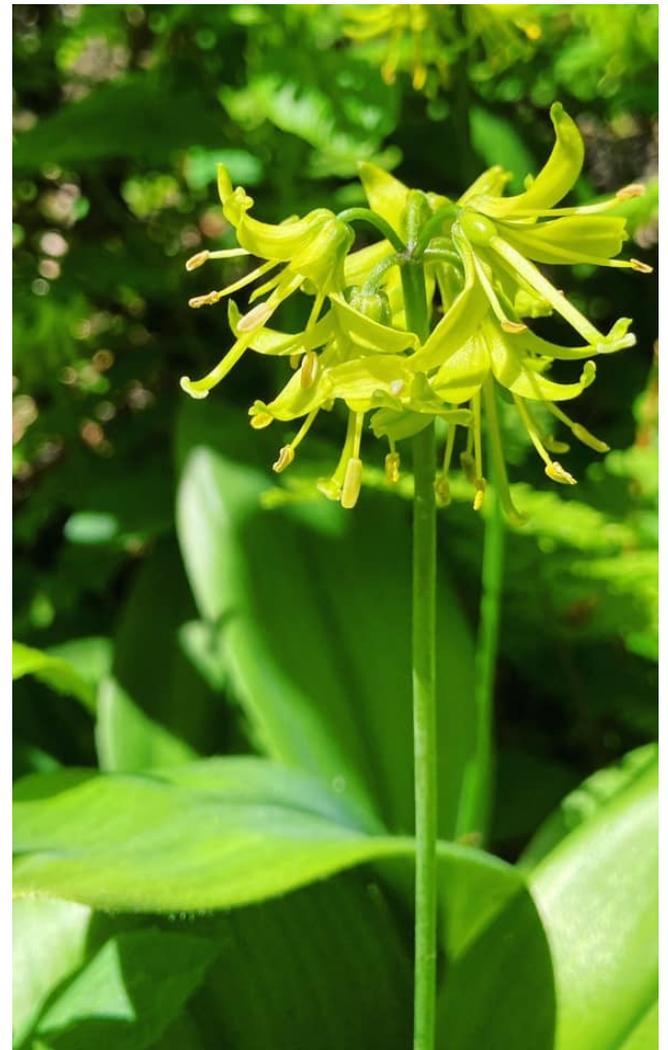
and answer us when we call. R

# 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you -- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something -- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."



# Hymn 292: We cannot measure how you heal

1. We cannot measure how you heal  
or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds where  
faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands,  
though bloodied on the cross, survive to  
hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life  
and cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,  
the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds,  
are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love, which tends the hurt  
we never hoped to find,  
the private agonies inside,  
the memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help  
and some have come to make amends, as  
hands which shaped and saved the world are  
present in the touch of friends. Lord, let  
your Spirit meet us here  
to mend the body, mind and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain,  
and make your broken people whole.

# Mark 5:21-43

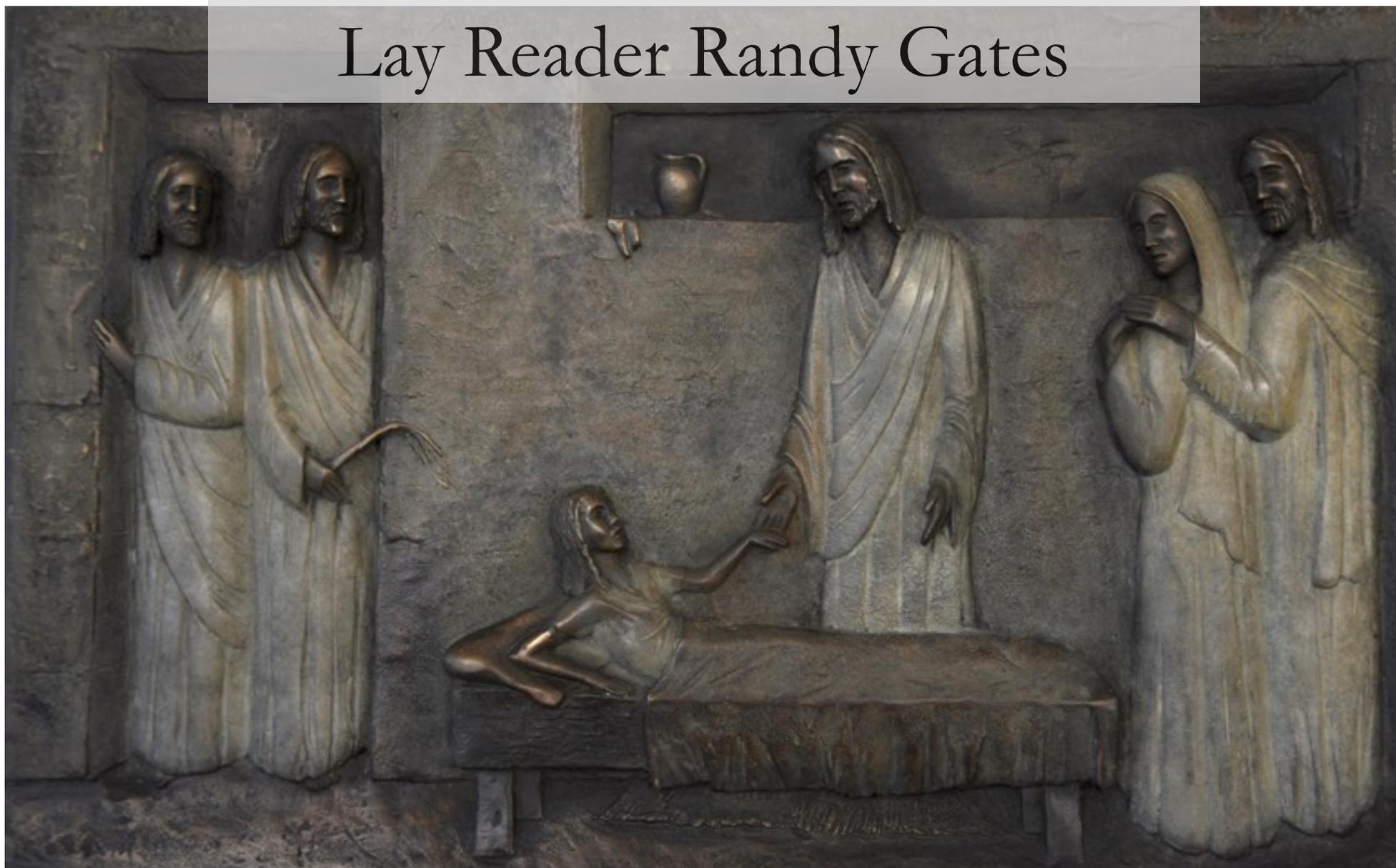
When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

# The Sermon

Lay Reader Randy Gates



# 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.



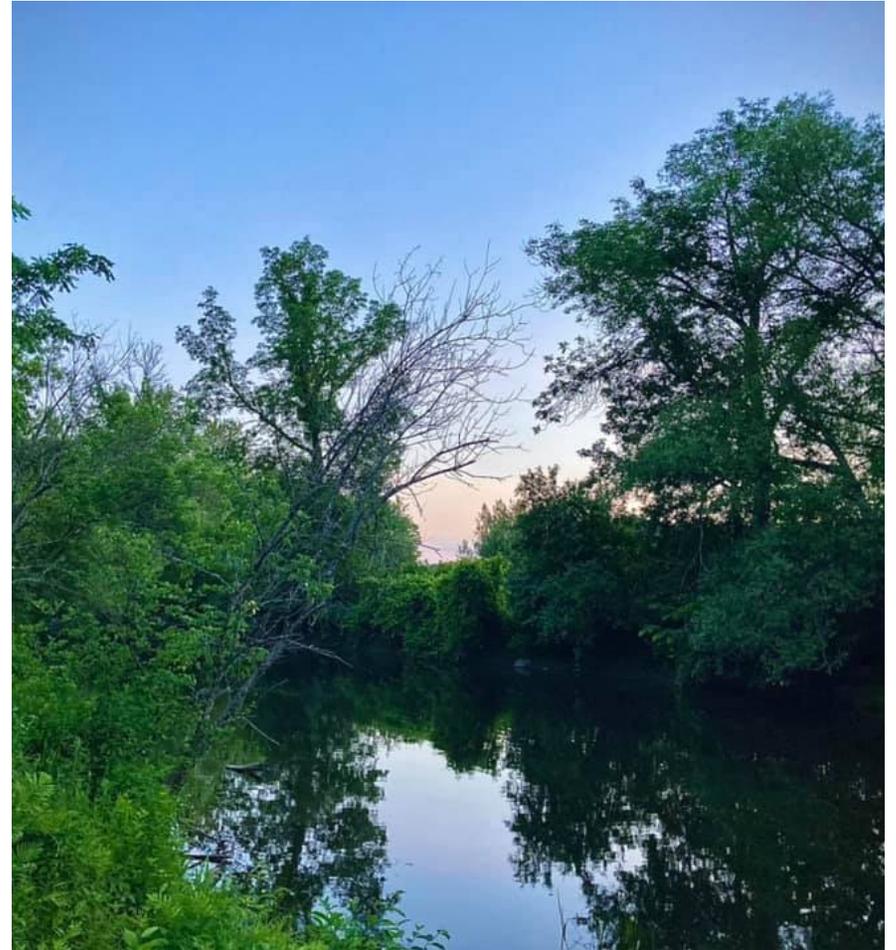


# The Prayers of the People

Led by Lay Reader  
Kate Murray  
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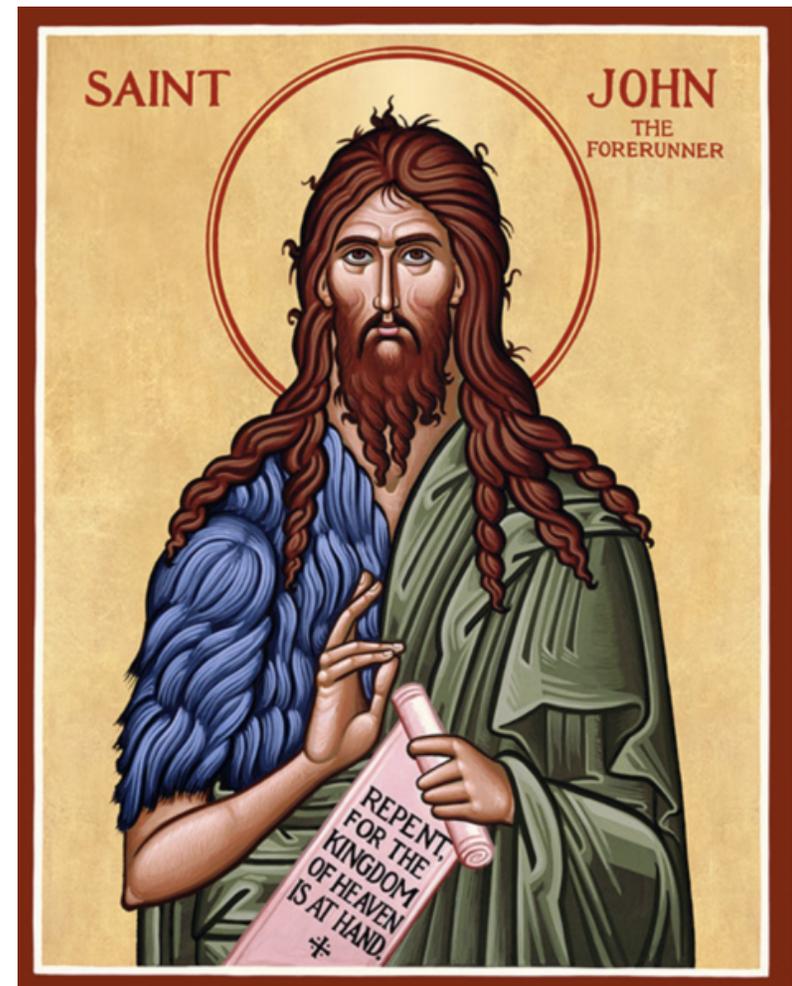
# The Collect of the Day

Welcoming God, make us apostles of your generous love, so that we might offer hospitality that challenges the world with your gift of eternal life, made known in Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. **Amen.**



# The Collect for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (24 June)

Almighty God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, constantly speaking truth to power and boldly rebuking vice; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 412: God, beyond all face and form

1. O God, beyond all face and form, you willed it that creation's night should blaze, and chaos still its storm, and birth a universe of light. *Refrain.*

2. The glory of the galaxies, the beauty of a baby's hand, the thundering of the restless seas, the glory of a forest's stand. *Refrain.*

3. You gave our race both form and name and love for us was your intent; then to a woman's womb love came, and on a cross was wholly spent. *Refrain.*

4. Of this great love all loves are born, of self, of neighbour, and of earth. By love shall night be turned to morn, and death shall never conquer birth. *Refrain.*

*Refrain:*

All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.

# Dismissal and Grace

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So let us be swift to love, and fast to show kindness; 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.**

