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A Service of Morning Prayer for the Ninth Sunday
After Pentecost (25 July 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 unknown children found buried at former Indian 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.



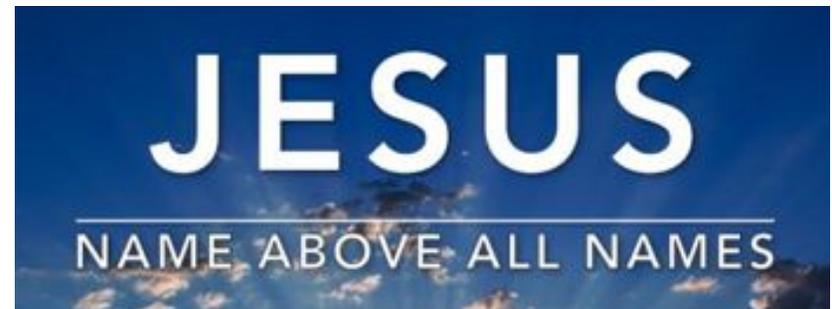
Hymn 620: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,
and drives away all fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place;
my never-failing treasury,
filled with boundless stores of grace.



4. By thee my prayers acceptance gain
although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
and I am owned a child.

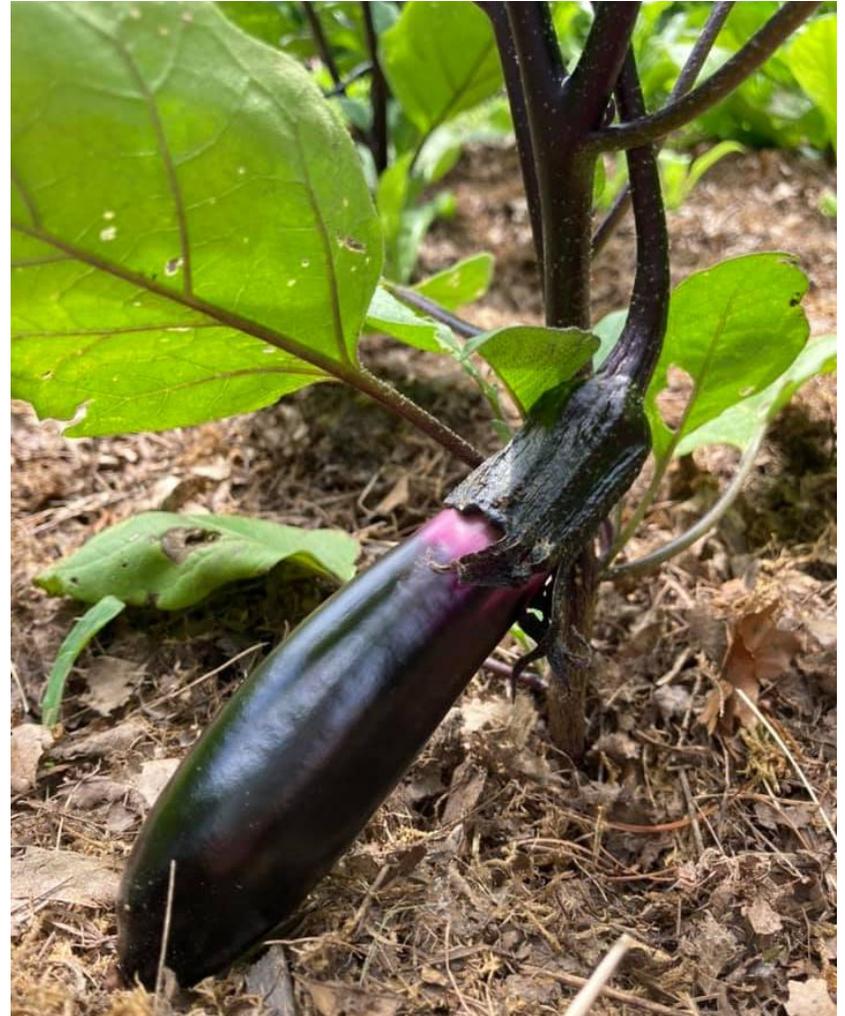
Opening Responses

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.

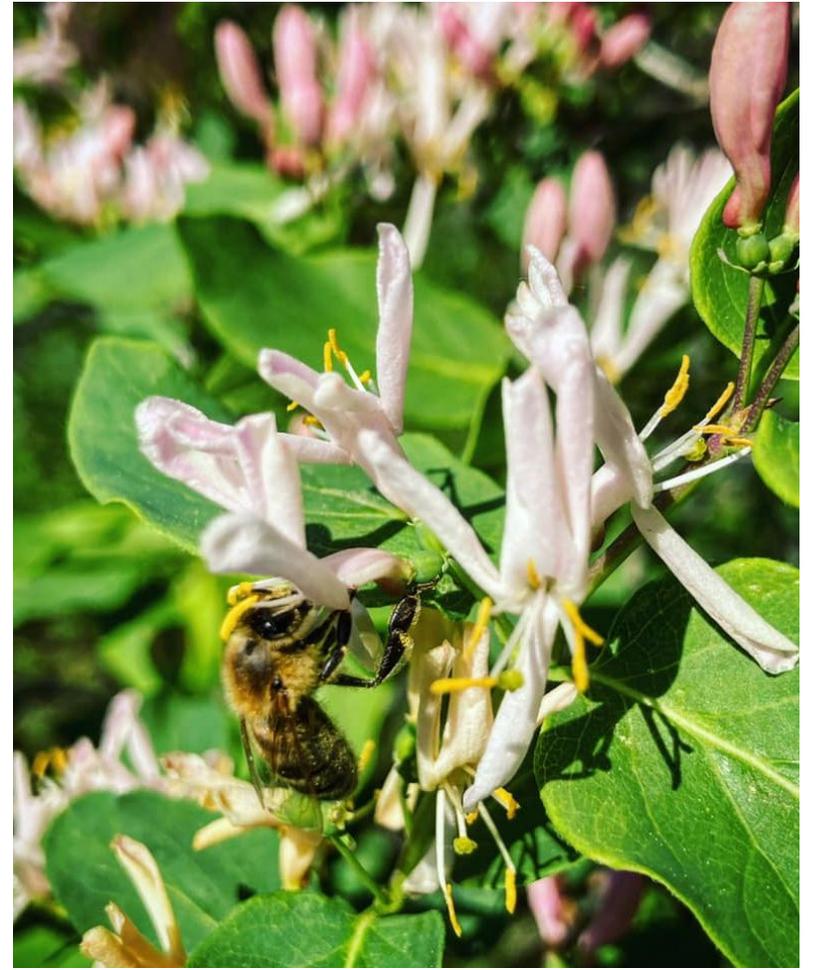


Confession and Absolution

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.**





1. Glory to God, to God in the height,
bringing peace to every nation.
Lord God almighty, Father and King,
and author of salvation.
Glory! let the people sing,
let the whole creation ring,
telling out redemption's story,
as we worship your name with
thankful songs of praise
for the love that is your glory.

2. Jesus, the Father's one holy Son.
all creation bows before you.
You are the God. the God we acclaim,
and we worship and adore you.
Lamb of God, to you we pray.
you who take our sin away.
mercy, grace and truth revealing.
At the right hand Of God,
receive our humble prayer
for forgiveness, hope and healing.

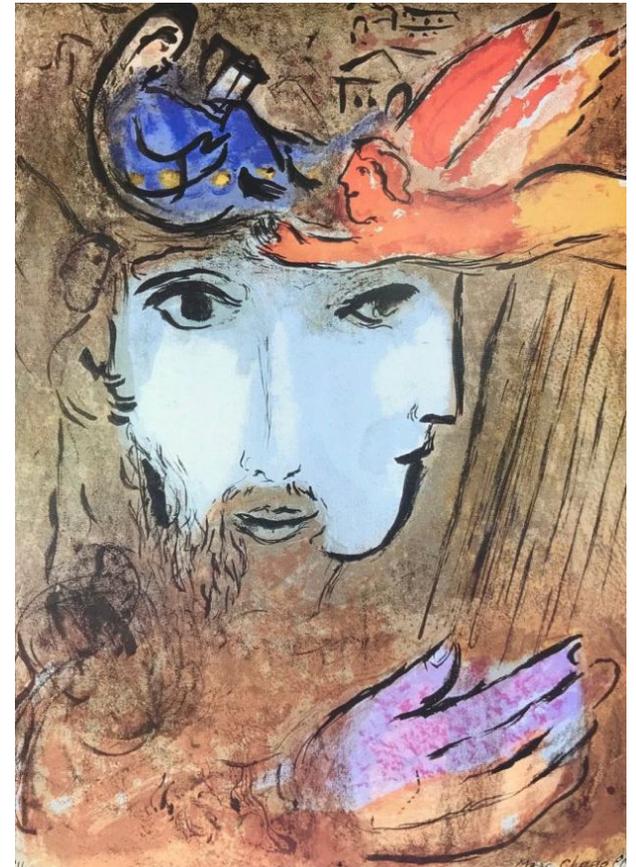
3, You. Jesus Christ. alone are the Lord,
by your own eternal merit:
sharing by right the glory Of God
in the presence Of the Spirit.
You alone are Lord Most High,
you alone we glorify,
reigning over all creation.
To the Father, the Son and Spirit, Three in One.
be eternal acclamation!

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."



Psalm 14



Refrain

C. Hubert H. Parry 1888

Unison

Dear God, who loves all hu - man-kind, for -
give our fool - ish ways.

The foolish have spoken in their heart,
and said "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable things,
there is no one who does what is good.

God looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if any are wise and seek after God.

But all have gone astray; all alike are corrupted;
there is no one who does good; no, not one. R

Have they no knowledge, all those who do evil?

They devour my people like so much bread,
and do not pray to God.

But see, they will tremble with fear,
for God is on the side of the righteous.

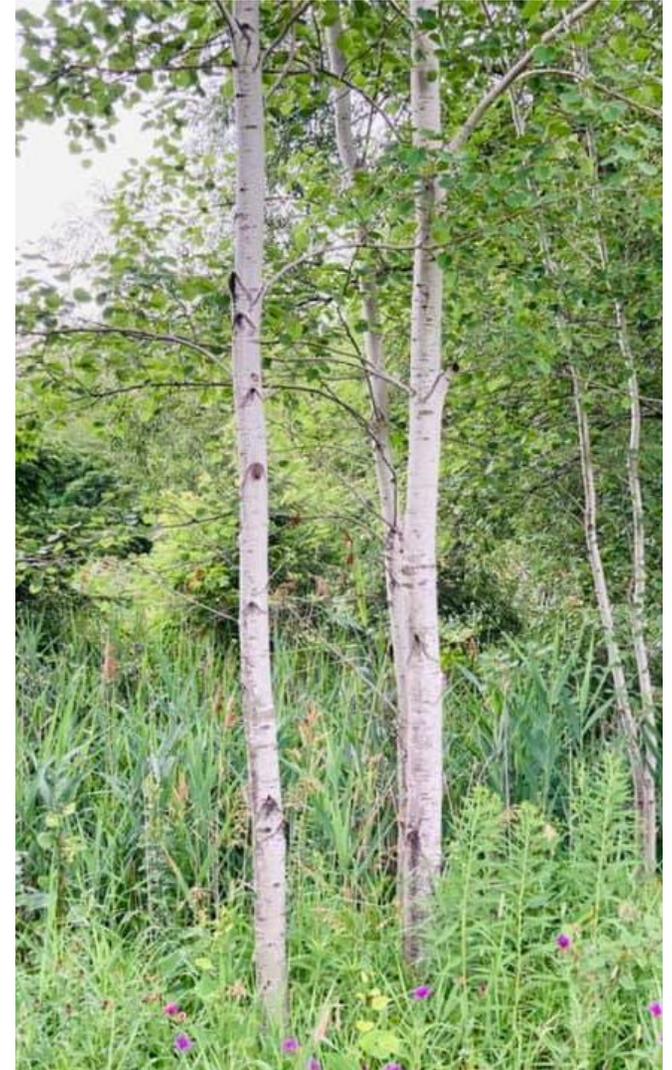
Do not mock the hope of the poor,
for God is their refuge.

O that deliverance for God's people would come forth from Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of the people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. R

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Hymn 561: Lord, your word shall guide us

1. Lord, your word shall guide us
And with truth provide us:
teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it.

2. When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3. When the storms distress us
and dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

5 Word of mercy, giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you
evermore be near you!

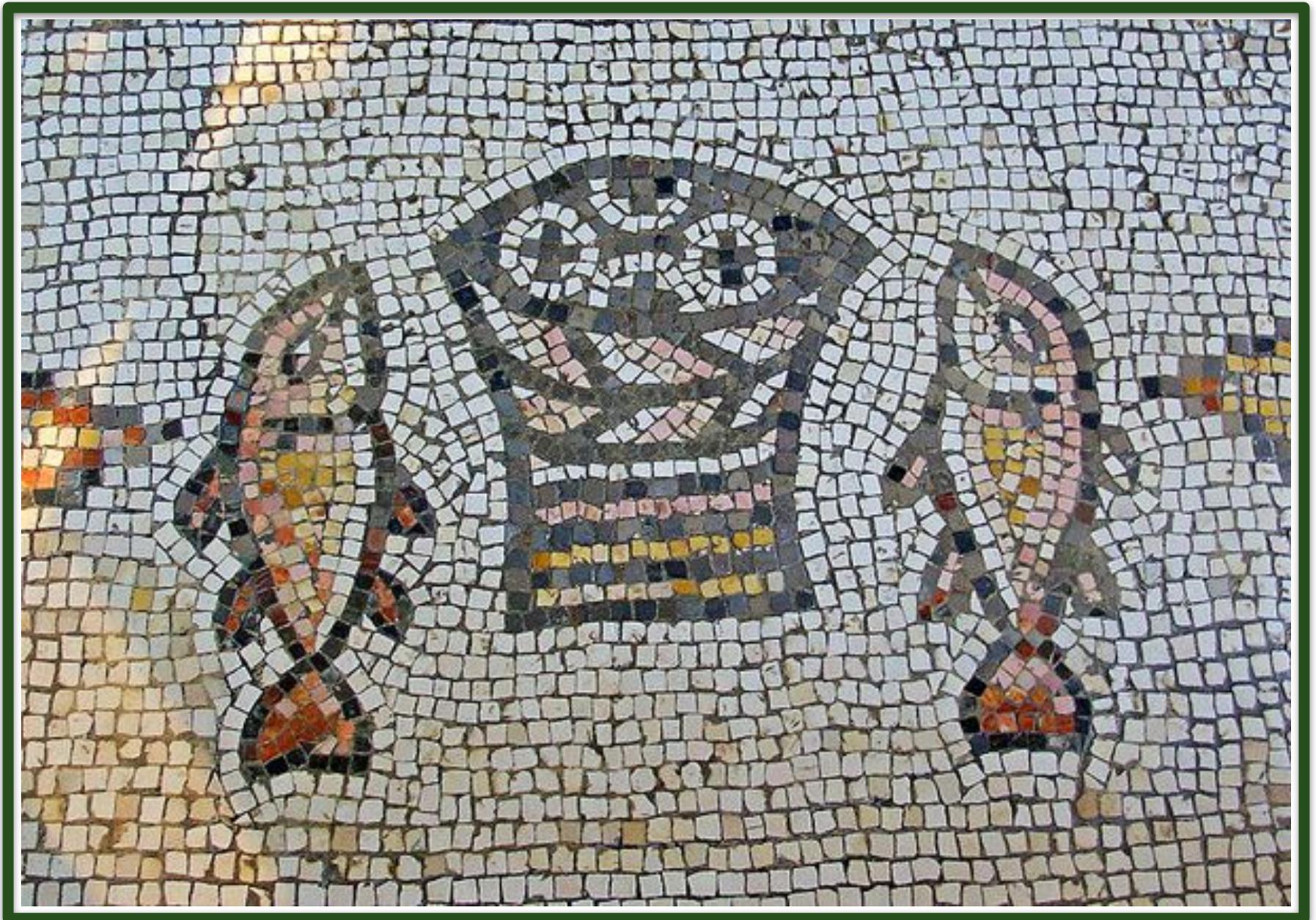
John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.



The Sermon
George Ryder (St. George's, Châteauguay)



Confession of Faith

1. I believe in God almighty, Author of all things that be, Maker of the earth and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.

2. I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was buried—true Life there had truly died. I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.





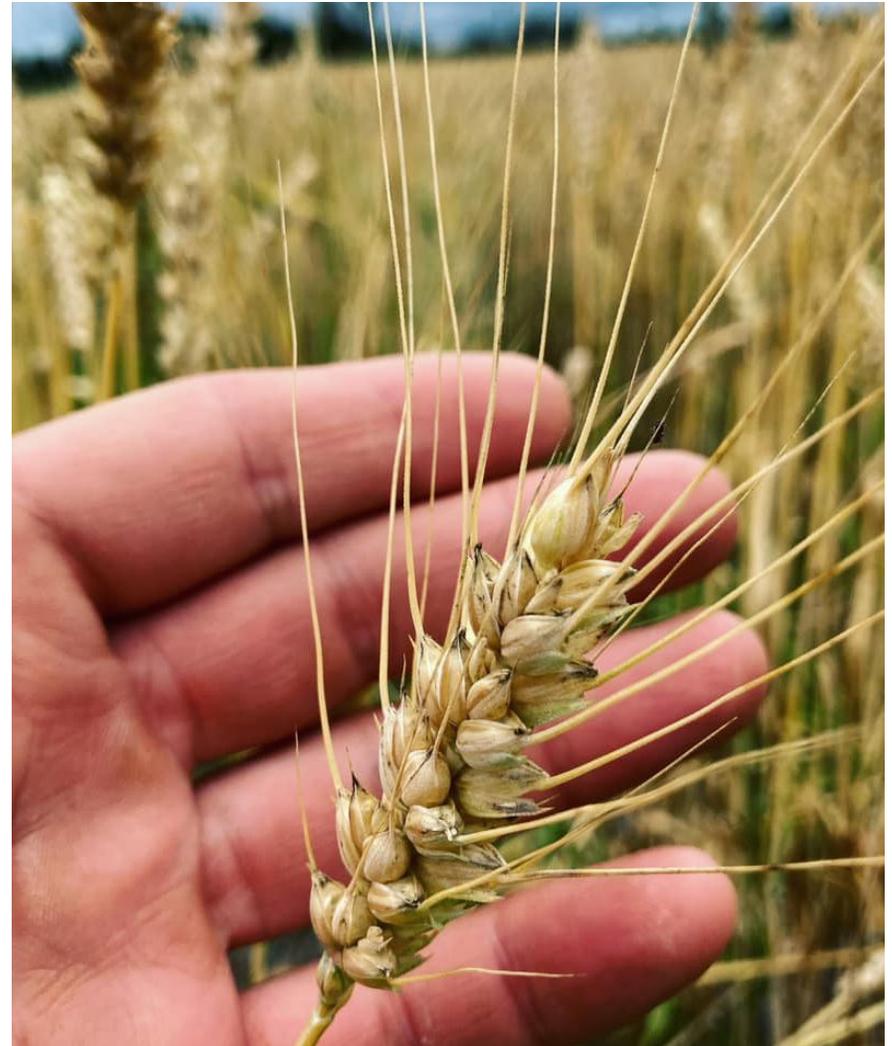
The Prayers of the People

Led by
Beverly Sutton-Brown
(Grace Church,
Sutton)

The Collect of the Day

In your compassionate love, O God, you nourish us with words of life and the bread of blessing.

Grant that Jesus may calm our fears, and move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing our bread with others. **Amen.**



The Collect for St. James the Apostle

Pilgrim God, we remember today your servant St. James, the first apostle to give his life for faith in Jesus Christ.

Pour out on all your people that spirit of self-denying service, which is the mark of true leadership. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 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.

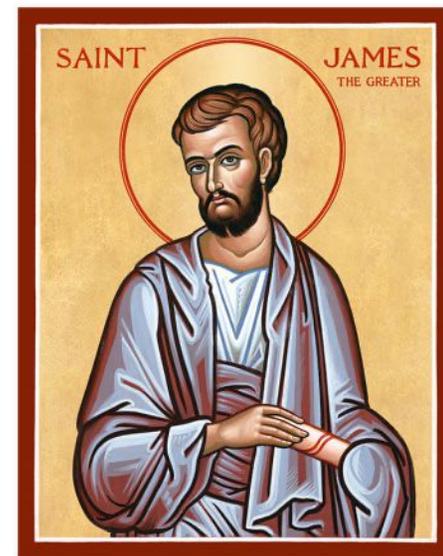
Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation 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 283: By all your saints still striving

1. By all your saints still striving, for all your
saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, for evermore be
blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they
might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendour reflected from
your throne.

2. O Lord, for James, we praise you, who fell
to Herod's sword.
He drank the cup of suffering and thus
fulfilled your word.
Lord, curb our vain impatience for glory and
for fame,
Equip us for such sufferings as glorify your
name.

3. Then let us praise the Father and worship
God the Son
And sing O God the spirit, eternal Three-in-
One,
Till all the ransomed number who stand
before the throne,
Ascribe all power and glory and praise to
God alone.



Dismissal and Grace

Holy God of Israel, draw us near to you, so that in place of hostility, there may be peace; in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction; and in place of sickness, healing; 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.

