

**Service of Morning Prayer for August 23, 2020 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Parishes of St. Lawrence, St. Mark's, St. Nicholas and St. Thomas'

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**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail**

Where charity and love prevail,  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and strength  
Now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
Let all contention cease;  
Be his the glory that we seek,  
Be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of his body joined,

We are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed  
If honoured be God's name;  
Our common life embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

**Penitential Rite:**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*(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 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 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.**

The Lord is in his holy temple: **O Come, let us worship.**

## Venite

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!

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Sister, let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
Fellow travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

### Gospel:

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Sermon

Hear, O Israel

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The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart,

With all your soul,

With all your mind,

And with all your strength.

This is the first and great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

### Prayers of the People

God of all kindness,  
you gave your only Son  
because you loved the world so much.  
And so we are bold to pray in his name,  
seeking your help in our lives  
and in the lives of all your children.  
In your mercy

#### **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for nothing short of peace in our world—  
yes, Lord, peace.  
Move among us by your Spirit,  
breaking down barriers of fear, suspicion, and hatred.  
Heal the human family of our division,  
and unite us in the pursuit of what is right and good and just for all.  
In your mercy

#### **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our country,  
fighting virus, bracing for elections,  
trying to work and educate our kids  
and love our parents in this unnerving time.  
Through it all, O God, enrich our common life;  
strengthen the forces of truth and goodness among us;  
move us to give where we are prosperous,  
that the impoverished may pass from need and despair  
to dignity and joy;  
move us to speak where we have voice,  
that the silenced and the ignored may come to flourish;  
move us to seek the benefit of our neighbors near and far,  
that a spirit of mutual concern and care might come  
to characterize our character.  
In your mercy

## Hear our Prayer

We pray for those who suffer.  
The sick, the lonely, the grieving,  
the overworked and the out-of-work.  
Surround us all with your love,  
support us with your strength,  
console us with your comfort,  
and give us hope and courage beyond ourselves.

We pray for our families,  
for those whom we love near and far,  
frequently in touch or long out-of-touch.  
Protect them, we pray;  
support them—these times are difficult and filled with anxiety.  
Help our families to grow together  
in mutual love and understanding  
and rest content in one another.

We pray for the church.  
In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for  
retirees, other clergy and clergy on leave,  
clergy of our three Dioceses who have served faithfully and who are now retired, those who  
have served or are serving faithfully in non-parochial positions, and those who are on-leave  
from their respective Diocese.

Parish of Rose Blanche  
Priest-in-Charge – The Rev. Jeffrey Petten  
St. Michael, Rose Blanche  
St. George, Burnt Island  
St. Thomas, LaPoile

Keep us true to the gospel,  
separated though we may be in body  
yet not in spirit, not in voice, not in purpose.  
Keep us responsive in these times to the gifts and needs of all.

Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ,  
by the persistent witness of our faith, our worship, and our life.

In your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

**Collect of the day**

Almighty God,

We are taught by your word

That all our doings without love are worth nothing.

Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts

That most excellent gift of love,

The true bond of peace and of all virtue;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

Let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

### Blessing

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**Amen.**

### Hymn: The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
And for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us that we may always be  
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see  
That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy  
Where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,  
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

### Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**