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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 23, 2022**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”

MORNING PRAYER

Officiant: Rev'd. Andrew O'Donnell

Sentence:

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor
and release to the captives. [Luke 4.18]

The service begins on Pg. 47 of the BAS [Green book]

The Invitatory:

The Lord is our refuge and strength: O Come, let us worship.

Venite [Psalm 95.1-7] – Page 49 [see attachment]

Psalm 19

***The heavens declare the glory of God, and the
firmament shows his handiwork.***

***One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts
knowledge to another.***

***Although they have no words or language, and their
voices are not heard,***

***Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their
message to the ends of the world.***

***In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes
forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices
like a champion to run its course.***

***It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden
from its burning heat.***

***The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the
testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the
innocent.***

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Prayer: Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: Lynn O'Donnell, Lay Reader

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Nehemiah, in the 8th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10]

Listen now for the word of God.....

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

[Silence followed by]

*For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. **THANKS BE TO GOD.***

This morning's second reading is taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, in the 12th Chapter, beginning at the 12th verse
[1 Corinthians 12:12-31a]

Listen now for the Word of God.....

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. [Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.....

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Officiant: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell:

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, in the 4th Chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.
[Luke 4:14-21]*

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,*

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed: Page 52 (see attachment)

Prayers of the People (Lynn O'Donnell)
.....With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: This day is holy to God, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. The scripture is fulfilled in our hearing, and this is the year of the Lord's favor: Gracious and loving One, fill your church with the power of your Spirit, that we may bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and liberation to the oppressed. For we are members of one body, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Litanist: The Church is the body of Christ, and we are individually members of it. Creative and Holy One, you have appointed ministries in your Church and given gifts to all: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our strength and our redeemer. For we are members of one body;
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The judgments of God are true and righteous altogether; the testimony of God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent: Eternal One, guide the leaders of the world and all in authority with the power of your Spirit, that your mission of healing and reconciliation may bring freedom, unity and peace to all creation. For we are members of one body;
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

We know that if one suffers, all suffer together; if one is honoured, all rejoice together: Compassionate One, let your healing and uniting power go forth into all the world to comfort all who are ill, to bring peace and liberation to those oppressed, and to bring good news to the poor.

For we are members of one body;

and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes: Inspiring One, anoint our communities with your generous compassion, that there may be no dissension within the body and that we may treat our less respectable members with greater respect. For we are members of one body;

and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear our prayers of intercession and healing, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria; Eileen, Ronnie and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lyne Pierce, Olga, Ian McGregor, Mike, Arlene and family, Denise Dubois, Anne Veilleux, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, The McConnell family, Ralph and Bev, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Donald Sloane, and Jennifer. In the wider community we pray for the Steirli family, Bev and Frances Hynes, Patrick Turgeon, Della, Virginia, Gabriel, Jerry Osborne, Janet Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Brandon, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts, Keith Donahue, and Jerry Prokoki.

Accept our thanksgiving with those who rejoice.

Enfold into your eternal life those who have died.

For we are members of one body;

and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Presider: Your judgment, O God, is sweeter far than honey, and in keeping your word there is great reward: Cleanse us from our secret faults and keep your servants from presumptuous sins, that we may be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense, as we seek to live out the good news of your anointed Son Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, this day and forever. **Amen.***

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay readers in the Diocese. In the world we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In our own Diocesan prayers, we pray for Other Christian Communities, The United Church of Canada, The Rt Rev Dr Richard Bott; the Presbyterian Church of Canada, The Rev Amanda Currie, Clerk of Presbytery. We continue our prayers for the Territory of the People who were devastated by the wildfires and flooding. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and our future partnership with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our prayers.

Collect:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – Page 54

Birthdays this week:

***Bruce Harkin
Anthony Paul Pippis [Harkin]
Hannah Ramsey
Ryan Young***

***"Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,
May God's many blessings
Keep falling on you"***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dismissal & Blessing: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

All: Amen.

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