

**IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER FROM
GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE
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**JULY 4TH, 2021
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

MORNING PRAYER

Officiant: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Margaret Arnaudin

Opening Hymn:

#433 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us

All: Glory 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. Alleluia!

Sentence:

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

The Invitatory for Pentecost:

Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.

Venite: [Psalm 95.1-7]

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!

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Prayer:

King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Isobel Sloane

A Reading from Ezekiel 2:vs. 1-5

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

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Leader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians in the 2nd Chapter beginning at the 2nd verse.

[Chapter 12:2-10]

Listen now to the Word of God.....

Now 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.'
Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church

ALL: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: #388 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint Mark in the 6th Chapter beginning at the
first verse [6:1-13]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Anita Young

Presider: Ever-present God, you come to us through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ, risen and manifest in every place and time: Grant that our eyes and ears may be open to his wisdom and his healing, that we may be sent forth in his name to do the work that he calls us to do, as we pray: To you we lift up our eyes, for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Litanist: Gracious God, you have given authority to your Church over many things that threaten your creation: Grant us the grace of your Spirit, that we may teach with Christ's wisdom and perform his deeds of power for the healing of the world. To you we lift up our eyes,
for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Let our nation hear the words of your prophets to reveal our impudence and stubbornness and to change our hearts: Give us just and compassionate leaders and protect our nation, that we may be a people of hospitality,

welcoming your work of reconciliation and obeying your right hand of justice. To you we lift up our eyes,

for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Let your compassionate spirit go forth throughout the world to comfort and uphold all who suffer any form of weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities, especially the hurt and sufferings subjected to our Indigenous Peoples, the Towns of Lytton and Kamloops, BC battling fires caused by the heat, and the rescue operations in Surfside, Florida that they may be upheld by your strength and justice. To you we lift up our eyes,

for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Enable our communities to see and to hear heavenly things and to treasure the mystery of your revelation so dearly that we may recognize and accept the unexpected gifts offered to us by our neighbours, family, and friends. To you we lift up our eyes,

for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Strengthen us humbly to persevere through our tribulations, O God, and heal all who need your gift of mercy, especially Donald Sloane and all on our hearts and minds. We thank you for your goodness revealed in all the blessings of life, especially for today, our first In-Person service in L'Acadie since the beginning of the Pandemic. Receive into Paradise all who have died.

To you we lift up our eyes,

for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Presider: Let your infinite grace, O God, free us from all attachment, cynicism and fear, that we may participate in your universal mission of teaching and healing in your reconciling Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop as she takes a much needed vacation, 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 The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea. In our own Diocese we pray for Episcopal Council: The Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacons, and our Vicar General, The Ven Robert Camara and the Episcopal Secretary, Ms Maria Abate. 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, for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and for the future partnership with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Acchille.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

Offertory Hymn: #602 "Lift High the Cross"

Offertory Prayer: [ALL]

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Collect: (ALL)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **The Lord's Prayer.**

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn: #352 "Amazing Grace"

Blessing: [All]

God's grace is sufficient for you, for divine power is made perfect in weakness. Be content, therefore; the power of Jesus dwells in you. Let the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit, fill you with confidence and strength.

Officiant:

And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and comfort you, now and forever.
Amen.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.



**Grace Church, L'Acadie
Established 1830**

**Present building reconstructed and consecrated
September 28, 1888**