

*The Cathedral Church of St. James*  
*Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

*August 23, 2020: The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Hymn – CP 300**

Text: Latin; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Henry Purcell, *O God, thou art my God*; adapt. *The Psalmist*, 1842; Tune: Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one,  
one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* And also with you.

**Gloria**

*New Plainsong Mass - David Hurd*

*Officiant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*All* And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God  
and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at  
the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the  
Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*

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.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 51: 1-6*

*Reader* Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Please remain seated.*

*Psalm 138—Plainsong*

*Cantor* I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

*All* I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

*Cantor* For you have glorified your name \*  
and your word above all things.

*All* When I called, you ans-wered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

*Cantor* All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

*All* They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glo-ry of the Lord.

*Cantor* Though the Lord be high, he cares for the low-ly; \*  
he perceives the haugh-ty from a far.

*All*            Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
                  you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
                  your right hand shall save me.

*Cantor*        The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*

*All*             O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
                  do not abandon the works of your hands.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Cantor*        Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People*         Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor*        Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

*People*         Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 16: 13-20*

*Gospeller*     The Lord be with you.

*People*         And also with you.

*Gospeller*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*         Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospeller*     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.

*Gospeller*     The Gospel of Christ.

*People*         Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Homily**

## The Nicene Creed

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant*

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## Offering Hymn – CP 487

Text: Latin; tr. Omer Westendorf, alt.;

Music: Attrib. Lucius Chapin; Tune: Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

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.

### **Offering Prayer**

*Officiant* All things come of thee; and of thine own have we given thee.

*People* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem** I Know That My Redeemer Liveth *Text: Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20;*  
*Music: George Frederic Handel*

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*McNeil Robinson*

*Officiant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All* 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.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us into relationship. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* 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.

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Doxology**

*Officiant* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*Officiant* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

### **Hymn – CP 509**

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey; Music: Melody George Nelson Allen;  
arr. Thomas A. Dorsey; Tune: Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### **The Dismissal**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Tu es Petrus

*Jeanne Demessieux*

*Officiant: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail –  
Rector of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto*

*Homilist: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson*

*Reader & Intercessor: Angela Carroll*

*Organist: David Simon*

*Cantor: Rebecca Gray*

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