

## Morning Prayer, July 19th

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God's love has been poured into our hearts.

**We dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**And speak of all his marvellous works.**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

**Who was and is and is to come!**

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis

*Genesis 28:10-19a*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then

Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Romans

*Romans 8:12-25*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself

will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

**People: Thanks be to God**

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

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

*Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat

along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

***The Apostles' Creed***

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, using the words of the

## Apostles' Creed

*All*

**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.**

## Intercessions

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Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

We pray for Ada Obiako and Trevor Denny, who are celebrating birthdays on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Watch over your children Ada and Trevor, O Lord, as their days increase;

bles and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand;

comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall;

and in their hearts, may your peace which surpasses understanding abide all the days of their life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

We pray especially for our bishops, Andrew and Riscylla,

for our clergy Lucia, Susan, Shirley, and Carol,

in the diocesan cycle of prayer for the Nottawasaga

Deanery

in the Anglican cycle of prayer for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

and for St. John's as we seek to know Jesus and make him known.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless those we name in our hearts [silence] and all who need the grace of your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Thanksgiving Litany**

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Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to  
rest and play,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in  
suffering and faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessings in our lives [*silence*]. For our church  
community at St. John's and for its ministries. For all those  
whose gifts to our church make these ministries possible.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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**

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

*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.**

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* 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.**