

# St Giles Anglican Church, Estevan Easter 6

## Morning Prayer Online

Hymn

Welcome and Announcements

*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!**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***

**he himself has made us, and we are his,**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**go into his courts with praise; \***

**give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good,**

**his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: **O come, let us worship.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## The Readings

A reading from Acts

17.22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 66.7-18** sung

**A Reading from first Letter of Peter**

3.13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

**14.15-21**

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

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

## **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.

## **The Offertory**

During this time of pandemic, when we can not physically put our offerings on the plate, we ask that offerings continue to be given by mail, etransfer or pre-authorized deposits through your bank. Further information is on our website.

## **Prayer over the gifts:**

God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name.

## **Prayers of the People**

Lord Jesus, you have promised to be with us forever; teach us to rejoice in your presence, free us from all anxiety, help us to know you are always at hand, that we may work with you and to your glory. Lord in you we live and move and have our being, for we are your children and you are not far from any one of us

Lord you abide in us, **May we know we abide in you.**

We pray for all who are struggling in lonely or difficult places, for all who feel forsaken, for all who are longing to know your love. We pray for all who seek to do your will and fulfil your commandments.

Lord you abide in us, **May we know we abide in you.**

We pray for, the Queen and her family, our country of Canada and all who live in it. We remember other people in the world – all nations who suffer in this pandemic. We remember areas of civil strife, areas where people are misused or abused. We pray for all that they may have health, food and shelter wherever they are.

Lord you abide in us, **May we know we abide in you.**

By your indwelling presence make our hearts and our homes places of peace. We pray for peace in our communities, for peace in our relationships, that your peace may spread throughout our world

Lord you abide in us, **May we know we abide in you.**

We pray for all who are captives to superstition or ignorance, for all who have no knowledge of God, for all whose lives are empty, or filled with the wrong things. We remember before you today all whose lives are falling apart, all who are entering into darkness or sickness, that each in their weakness may know your strength.

Lord you abide in us, **May we know we abide in you.**

Lord if we abide in you and you are in us, we are already in the fullness of that life which is eternal. We rejoice in your presence and pray for loved ones and friends who have gone before us.

Lord you abide in us, **May we know we abide in you.**

## **The Collect**

*Officiant* Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,  
**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Christ the Lord of the living and the dead, who died and rose to life eternal, grant that you may abide in him and belong to him forever; and the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen.

## **Music**