

St Giles Anglican Church

Morning Prayer Pentecost 4 June 28,'20

Welcome:

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather, is on in Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the homeland of the Metis people.

Hymn:

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!

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **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!

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The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So, the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So, the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13

sung

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So, what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Archdeacon Wilma

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Offertory

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

For the gifts and offerings, we receive, we give thanks and pray:

God of wisdom,
receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,
that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and serve one another in freedom.
We ask this in his name

Blessing of Graduates St Giles 2020

Dear friends: Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor **John Swirski**, who is moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with him and support him as a fellow believer in Jesus Christ.

At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from Holy Scripture.

READING: Jeremiah 29:11–14a

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD,

Proverbs 16:9

⁹The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.

Warden : At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon this young man. You have sustained him. You have shared in his laughter and wiped away his tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction.

In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted him up. Grant, O Savior, to John the knowledge of your continued presence as he goes forth into the future. Guide his steps. Hold him in the hollow of your hand. Bless him and keep him now and forever.

Amen.

The leader addresses the assembly.

Members and friends of this congregation of St Giles, , will you promise to keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he goes forth into the future?

We will.

Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help John as need and opportunity arise?

We will.

Parents and guardians may place a hand on the shoulder or head of their child as they pray for God's blessing with these or similar words, assisted by the leader.

John,
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe.
May the Lord guide your every step.
May you always know of our unending love for you.

Amen.

The leader addresses the graduates and the assembly.

Go out into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sung Blessing: *God Bless the Earth Beneath Your Feet*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The response is “**may the Lord do it.**”

We pray for your church, that it may be a holy church, a serving church.
May we reveal your love through our care for and our acceptance of others.
We pray for the work of the church among the poor and the oppressed, that in you we may come to the glorious liberty of the children of God. Amen.

may the Lord do it

We pray for all bishops, especially Bishop Rob, for all clergy and all ministers of the church.
Guide the leaders of nations and communities into the way of peace and good will.
We pray for those who strive to bring peace between various factions,
for all who seek to bring unity and harmony to our world, that they may all be guided by your Spirit.
Amen. **may the Lord do it**

Lord, make our homes places of holiness and hospitality. In our dealings fill us with grace and goodness, make us welcoming and friendly, not only in word but also by our actions.

Amen. **may the Lord do it**

We remember before you all prisoners of conscience, all who are in prison through injustice and tyranny. We pray for the work of Amnesty International. We pray for all who have lost their freedom through sickness and immobility. We pray for all who are restricted by racism. We pray for the world-weary, the heavily burdened, the worn out and the broken, that all may know in their hearts the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Amen. **may the Lord do it.**

We give thanks for all who are now victorious, all who have left behind the restrictions of this life and are walking before you as children of God. We pray for those who mourn. May we, with them, know your abiding presence.

Amen. **may the Lord do it**

Confession

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another & with God.

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...

silence

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...

silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...

silence

ALL: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew rights spirit within us.

(University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN)

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love fulfils the law.
May we love you with all our heart,
all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,
and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;
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 And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

People: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**