

Parish of Estevan
February 14, 2021
Last Sunday after the Epiphany



St. Giles'

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Estevan, Saskatchewan

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ST. GILES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

Organist: Margaret Duncan
Readings: Brian Wright
Prayers of the People: Heather Woodhouse

Sentence:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Matthew 17:5

Welcome:

Hello, I am Archdeacon Wilma and welcome to St Giles and this service of Morning Prayer for the Last Sunday of Epiphany.

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

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
In our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face another
and in you, our gracious God.

2. When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
Sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
And a heavy path we plod,
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in many ways.

3. From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God to claim as family
Ev'ry one whose life we share.
And thro' all that life may offer,
May we in your love remain;
May the love we share in families
Be alive to praise your name.

4. Let us reach beyond the bound'ries
Of our daily thought and care
Till the fam'ly you have chosen
Spills its love out ev'rywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in many ways.

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The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
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.**

The priest says,

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 Invitatory

The Lord is our light and our life: **O come, let us worship.**

Venite *Sung*

1. Let us sing to the God of Salvation,
Let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to His house with thanksgiving!
Let us come before the Lord and sing *Chorus*

Chorus: *Praise our Maker
Praise our Saviour
Praise the Lord, our everlasting King
Every knee must bow before Him
God is Lord of everything!*

2. In His hand are the earth's deep places,
And the strength of the hills is His!
All the sea is the Lord's, for He made it.
By His hand the dry land was formed. . . . *Chorus*

3. Let us worship the Lord, our Maker
Let us kneel to the Lord our God.
For we all are the sheep of His pasture,
He will guide us by His powerful hand. . . . *Chorus*

4. Let today be time when you hear Him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
Lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
As His people did in time of old. . . . *Chorus*

The Lord is our light and our life: **O come, let us worship**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

A reading from **2 Kings**

2.1-12

^{2:1} Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm sung

Psalm 150

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!

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.

A reading from **2 Corinthians**

4.3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 9.2-9**

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

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon The Ven. Wilma Woods

Hymn: Kindness

Christ has no body here but ours
No hands, no feet here on earth but ours
Ours are the eyes through which He looks
On this world with kindness

Ours are the hands through which He works
Ours are the feet on which He moves
Ours are the voices through which He speaks
To this world with kindness

Through our touch, our smile, our listening ear
Embodied in us, Jesus is living here
Let us go now, inspirited
Into this world with kindness.

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Affirmation of Faith *Hear, O Israel*

**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:

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Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Come, Lord of light, transfigure us,
Increase our vision and reveal to us your glory.
May your church seek to transform our darkest places with your light.
May we seek out the lost and the deprived, the poor and the rejected,
and bring them home to you and your love.
We pray for the mission and outreach of the whole church.
Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

We pray for our clergy and churches Rob, our Bishop; Linda, our Primate; Mark, our National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Greg, our Metropolitan; Wilma, our Archdeacon; Brian our Honorary Assistant; Barb, our Deacon;
for the clergy, lay leaders, congregations and ministries of the parish of All Saints, Weyburn;
for the Bishop, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador;
for the dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto areas East and West of the Eastern Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada;
for Father Anthony and congregation of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Estevan;
for our companion dioceses of Lichfield and Muyinga;
for our ecumenical partners in the Lutheran, Anglican, Ukrainian Catholic, Roman Catholic Covenant (LAURC)
Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

Come, Lord of light, transfigure our towns and our cities.
We pray for areas of danger, for places of vice, for poor housing and for the street-dweller.
Lord, transform our places of poverty;
change our attitudes for the better towards each other.
Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

Lord of light, come transfigure our homes, that we may be radiant with your presence.
Make them homes of peace and kindness, of holiness and hospitality, of grace and goodness; that you may be known to be among us.
We pray for our church families especially: Morgan and Brian Peterson and their children Paige, Summer & Jace; for Arol & Joan Phair and their children Kent, Kelan, Kory, Kari, Myron, Kevin, Lisa & Wade and their families;
Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

Lord of light and love, transfigure our hospitals and nursing homes.

We pray for all who are downcast or fearful.

We remember all who await a doctor's diagnosis or an operation.

We pray for all who seek healing and hope especially: Autumn, Frank, Greg, Gwen, Bishop Rob and his family, his sister, Linda, and niece, Nicola, Lyle, Terry, Ginger Anderson, Raquel Be, Jodi Bryant, Gail Clark-Morgan, MacKenzie Delainey, Frank Elberg, Darlene Forbes, Wanda Friess, Dorothy Gaetz, Dave Genter, Luke Genter, Michael Godfrey, Mike Gulak, Bob Haines, Glorhi Haines, Alan Hodges, Brian Joseph, Bea Lukye, David MacDonald, Mikayla MacPherson, Leanne McCarthy, Arnold Newton, The Rev. Jason Richards, Carson Ruel, Les Saxon, Kim Smith, Candy Smyth, Wanda Stang, Dustin Taylor, Ed Taylor, Eldon VanKoughnett, Lisa Van de Velde, Edna Walliser, Meghan Wright, and Tom Wright, and those we name silently before you show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

We pray for health care workers and all who are providing essential services through the Covid-19 pandemic;

for our front-line workers especially the students and staff of St. Mary's School;

Most merciful God, in the midst of this pandemic we look to You in hope and trust, acknowledging that there is much in life beyond our present understanding.

Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

We give thanks for all who have passed beyond death and been transformed in your glorious kingdom remembering today: Nola Joseph '21; Anna Andersen '07; Edith Muirhead '92; Olive Wilkinson '03; and Jerry Pierson '07; for the saints, for our benefactors, for loved ones departed; that we like them may come to the fullness of your presence.

Lord, touch us

And transfigure us.

Loving Lord, let your light shine in our lives, let its brightness fill our hearts and transfigure us; that, seeing your glory, we may come to you in awe and wonder, and gazing upon you may be changed into your likeness, moving from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is in eternal glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect

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Amen

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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: Wings of an Eagle

1. As we hope in the Lord
We will gain our strength
We will run for miles
We will stand up straight
We will not grow weary
We will not grow faint
On the wings of an eagle we will rise *Chorus*

2. For the Lord who is God
Takes His people home
Not to be afraid
As we journey the road
Hand in hand we'll be walking
With the Lord our God
On the wings of an eagle we will rise. . . . *Chorus*

Chorus

*On the wings of an eagle we will rise
On the wings of an eagle we will rise
For our hope is found
In the power of God
On the wings of an eagle we will rise
On the wings of an eagle we will rise*

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Listed below are the options that we have:



1. You can mail your offering to:
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317 12th Ave.
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2. e-Transfer your donation to:
stgiles@sasktel.net
3. You can sign up for automatic giving. Heather has forms or the form is on the website www.estevananglican.com. You can print it, fill it out and scan it back to stgiles@sasktel.net or put it in your mailbox at your house and Heather (306) 421-2457 will pick it up. (Please phone her or send her text so she knows to do that!)
4. You could put your donation in an envelope with your name on it in your mailbox at your house and Heather (306) 421-2457 will pick it up. (Please phone her or send her a text so she knows to do that!)



"It must be a lot colder than I thought!"

For Sale

- **Calendars for 2021 are available.**
\$5.00 per calendar
- **St. Giles Masks - \$10.00 / mask**
- **Limited supply of:**
 - **Zucchini Relish ("Kay's" recipe)**
 - **Peach Jam or**
 - **Canned Peaches**
 - **All jars \$4.00**

Heather will deliver
any of these items!