

Sunday, August 23, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Officiant:** J Lefebvre; **Homilist:** Terry DeForest;  
**Cantor:** Richard Cunningham; **Organ:** Michael Bloss.

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.*

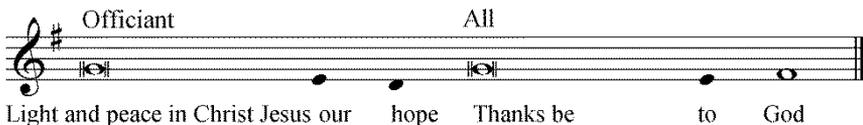
## Words of Welcome

**Sentence** – Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. (*Matthew 4.23*)

**Organ** – Hymn Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

## Introductory responses



Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

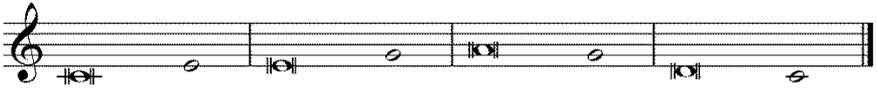
The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes: a whole note G4, a whole note A4, a whole note B4, a whole note C5, a whole note D5, a whole note E5, a whole note F#5, a whole note G5, a whole note A5, a whole note B5, a whole note C6, a whole note D6, a whole note E6, a whole note F#6, a whole note G6, a whole note A6, a whole note B6, a whole note C7. The notes are grouped into two sections: the first section, labeled 'Officiant', covers the first six notes (G4 to C5); the second section, labeled 'All', covers the remaining ten notes (D5 to C7). The lyrics 'Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God' are written below the staff, with the words 'our hope' aligned under the notes C5 and D5, and 'Thanks be to God' aligned under the notes E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6.



*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.*

Psalm 111 *Confiteor tibi*

Chant: arr. Michael McCarthy



Halleluiah!

I will give thanks to God with my whole **heart**,\*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre-**gation**.

Great are the deeds of **God**!\*  
they are studied by all who de-**light** in them.

Your work O God, is full of majesty and **splendour**,\*  
and your righteousness endures for - **ever**.

You make your marvellous works to be re-**membered**,\*  
you are gracious and full of com-**passion**.

You give food to those who **fear** you,\*  
you are ever mindful of your **covenant**.

You have shown your people the power of your **works**\*  
in giving them the lands of the **nations**.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and **justice**,\*  
all your commandments are **sure**.

They stand fast forever and **ever**,\*  
because they are done in truth and **equity**.

You sent redemption to your people;  
you commanded your covenant for **ever**,\*  
holy and awesome is your **name**.

The fear of God is the beginning of **wisdom**,\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
your praise endures for **ever**.

Glory to God, Source of all **being**\*  
eternal Word and Holy **Spirit**.

As it was in the be- **ginning**,  
is now and will be forever. A-**men**.



Cantor HALLELUJAH! They are happy who **fear** God,  
and have great delight in the commandments **of** the Holy One!

**All** Their descendants will be mighty **in** the land;  
the generation of the **up**-right will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be **in** their house,  
and their righteousness will **last** forever.

Light shines in the darkness **for** the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and **full** of compassion.

Cantor It is good for them to be generous in **len**-ding  
and to manage their af-**fairs** with justice.

**All** For they will never be **sha**-ken;  
the righteous will be kept in ever-**las**-ting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any **ru**-mours;  
their heart is right, they **put** their trust in God.

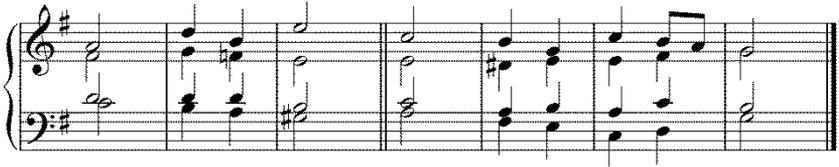
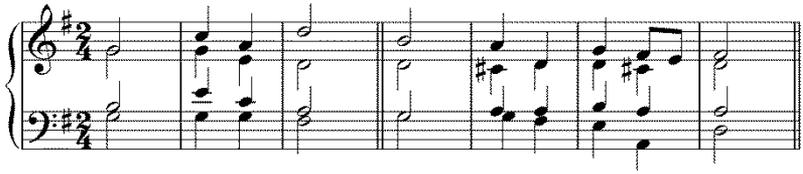
Cantor Their heart is established and **will** not shrink,  
until they see their desire u-**pon** their enemies.

**All** They have given freely **to** the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their **head** with honour.

The wicked will see it and be angry:  
they will gnash their teeth and **pine** away;  
the desires of the **wick**-ed will perish.

Glory be to the Father and **to** the Son;  
and **to** the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever **shall** be;  
world **with**-out end. A-men.



Halleluiah!

Give praise, you / servants • of / God,\*  
 praise the / name of / the Most / high.

Let the name of / God be / blessed,\*  
 from this time / forth for / ever / more.

From the rising of the sun to its / going / down\*  
 let that / holy / name be / praised.

God is / high a-•bove all / nations,\*  
 ex- / alted • a- / bove the / heavens.

Who is like our God, who sits en- / throned • on / high,\*  
 but stoops to behold the / heavens / and the / earth?

Who takes up the weak / out of • the / dust\*  
 and lifts / up the / poor from • the / ashes.

Who sets them / with the / rulers,\*  
 with the / rulers / of the / people.

Who makes the woman of a / childless / house\*  
 to be a / joyful / mother • of / children.

Glory to God / Source of • all / being\*  
 eternal / Word and / Holy / Spirit.

As it was / in the • be- / ginning,\*  
 is now and will be for- / ever. / A- / men.

## Gradual Alleluia

(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)



*You brought a vine out of Egypt,  
You drove out the nations and planted it.*

## Word (Mark 6:1-6a)

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

## Words of Reflection: Rev. Canon Terry DeForest

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We believe in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

## The Song of Mary

*(sung by all)*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;  
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour  
For you Lord have looked with **favour**  
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blest**  
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name  
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:  
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**  
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.  
Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**  
And lifting **up** the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good **things**  
And sent the rich **away** empty.  
You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**  
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The promise you made to our **forebears**  
To Abraham, Sarah, and their **children** for ever.

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.

## Collect

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

Gracious God,  
although we once were strangers,  
you receive us as friends and draw us home to you.  
Set your living bread before us, so that we may be strengthened  
to continue the work your Son has commissioned us to do.

**Amen.**

## The Litany

**Refrain** *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Fill the world with your peace and justice.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

## Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,  
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 forever. Amen.**

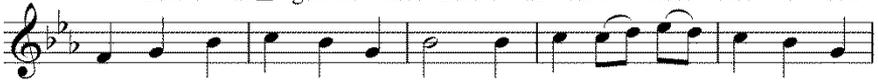
## Hymn – Lord of all hopefulness

Text: Joyce Placzek (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)

Tune: Irish Traditional Melody arr. Erik Routley (1917-1982). SLANE



Lord of all\_ hope ful ness Lord of all joy whose trust, ev - er  
Lord of all\_ ea-ger ness Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were  
Lord of all\_ kind-li- ness Lord of all grace, your hands swift to  
Lord of all\_ gen-tle- ness Lord of all calm whose voice is con-



child-like no cares could des - troy be there at\_ our\_ wa-king and  
skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at\_ our\_ la-bours and  
wel-come your arms to em-brace, be there at\_ our\_ ho-ming and  
tent-ment whose pre-sence is balm, be there at\_ our\_ slee-ping and



give us we pray your bliss in our hearts Lord, at the break of the day.  
give us we pray your strength in our hearts Lord at the noon of the day.  
give us we pray your love in our hearts Lord at the eve of the day.  
give us we pray, your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the day.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

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NEXT SUNDAY: EVENING PRAYER FOR  
PENTECOST 13

Rev. Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall, homilist

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