

Wednesday, October 28, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER  
FEAST OF ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE

**Officiant:** Dan Tatarnic **Homilist:** Terry DeForest;  
**Cantor:** Mark Russom; **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.*

*Today we commemorate Saint Simon and Saint Jude, whose names appear in the New Testament on every list of the twelve apostles. Simon was called “the Zealot,” which suggests that he once belonged to a Jewish resistance movement. Animated by religious fervour, the Zealots used any means, even terror, to overthrow Roman rule and revive Jewish independence. Simon originally may have followed Jesus in hopes that he would “restore the kingdom to Israel.” Jude “the son of James” was also called Thaddeus. One of the Letters included in the New Testament is ascribed to him; and we hear his voice in Saint John’s account of the Last Supper, where he is distinguished as “the other Judas, not Iscariot.” Judas Iscariot was the disciple who betrayed Jesus, and the fact that Jude shared the traitor’s name made Christians reluctant to ask for his prayers. For this reason, Jude is considered the patron saint of what is shunned by the world, especially lost causes and those who suffer from incurable diseases. The western Church remembers Simon and Jude together because, in the seventh or eighth century, the church of Rome acquired some relics of both apostles and placed them in a single shrine. October twenty-eighth is probably the anniversary of the dedication of this shrine. With so little information to go on, our commemoration of Simon and Jude may be compared to their patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases. It is a little victory against the odds of history. For Christ is often made known by deeds which are recorded nowhere else but in the eternal remembrance of God; and by honouring Simon and Jude today we share in God’s own mindfulness of their apostolic zeal*

## Words of Welcome

**Sentence** – You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

*Acts 1.8*

**Solo** – If with all your heart (*Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1849)

*If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.  
If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.*

*Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,  
That I might even come before His presence.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,*

*That I might even come before His presence,  
come before His presence.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him.*

*If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God*

## Introductory responses

Officiant All

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

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up on us.

Eternal God,  
 whose thoughts and ways are not ours,  
 you alone are God, holy and most high:  
 school us in the ways of faith and wisdom,  
 so that we, like Job,  
 may learn to see and hear truly,  
 and in humility find blessing.  
 In Jesus' name we pray.



## Hymn – Glory to God the source of all our mission

**Text:** Christopher Idle (b.1938)

**Music:** Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938) HIGHWOOD

A musical score for a hymn in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God, the source of all our mis - sion; Proud in our wealth, or des - ti - tute and bro - ken, East - ward or west - ward, north - ward, south - ward, mo - ving, Linked by the cross at which we are for - giv - en, Send us, Lord Christ, to serve at your di - rec - tion, Je - sus be praised, the Sa - viour, Lord and Son! Praise to the we can - not live by earth - ly bread a - lone; but by the fin - ding new fields, new pat - terns and new role, Christ's fel - low joined by the love that came to find and save, one in the dy - ing and liv - ing, yours in loss and gain, true to the Spi - rit, who con - firms the vi - sion; word that God him - self has spo - ken; wor - kers, all his good - ness pro - ving, hope of God's new earth and hea - ven, gos - pel of your re - sur - rec - tion, in all the world the will of God be done! we are set free to make our Mas - ter known. see how our God is mak - ing peo - ple whole! we love and give since he first loved and gave. work - ing and pray - ing till you come to reign."





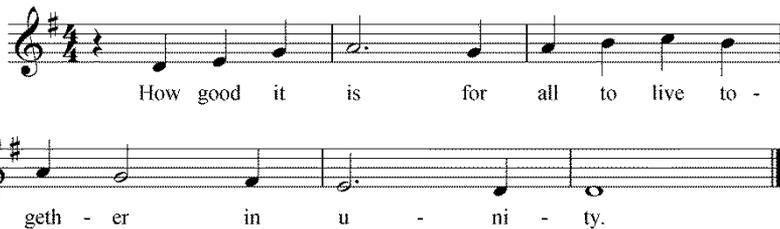
I WILL fulfill my vows to you, **O** God,\*  
in the presence of all **your** people.

IN THE courts of **God's** house,\*  
in the midst of Jerusalem.  
Halle-**lu**-jah!

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

### Psalm 117 *Laudate Dominum*



O praise God, all you nations;\*  
all you peoples, praise your maker.

### REFRAIN

Whose loving kindness toward us is great;\*  
whose faithfulness endures for ever.  
Halleluiah!

How good it is for all to live to -  
geth - er in u - ni - ty.

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

## REFRAIN

### Gradual Alleluia

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,  
You have the words of everlasting life.*

## Word (John 14:15-31)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

## **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.*

Almighty God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles,  
and especially on this day for Simon and Jude.  
As they were faithful and zealous in their mission,  
so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Litany

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



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Christ the splendour of God's glory, enlightens us with his word.  
With deep love we call upon him

### **Refrain**

Blessed are you, the alpha and the omega of our faith,  
for you called us out of darkness into your marvellous light.

### **Refrain**

You enabled the blind to see, and the deaf to hear,  
help our unbelief.

### **Refrain**

Lord, keep us in your love, preserve our community,  
do not let us become separated from one another.

### **Refrain**

Give us strength in temptation, endurance in trial,  
and gratitude in prosperity.

### **Refrain**

## Lord's Prayer

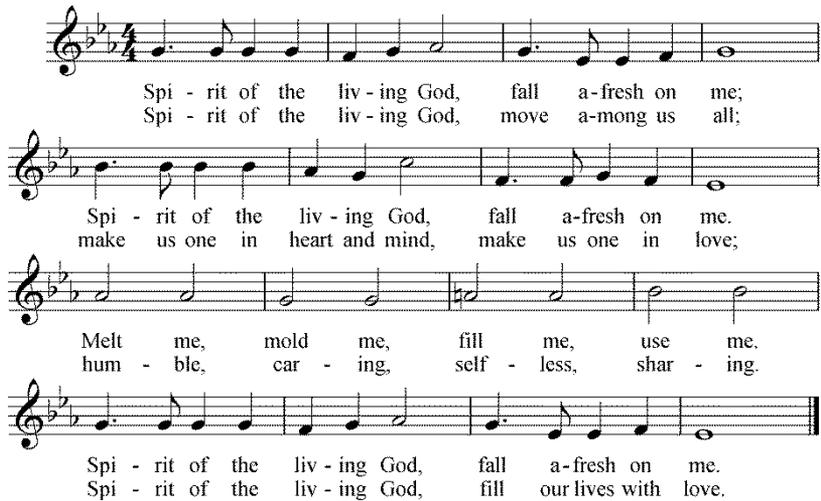
Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,  
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 – Spirit of the living God

**TEXT: Michael Baughen (b. 1930)**

**MUSIC: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977) LIVING GOD**



Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;  
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

**Organ – “Little” Prelude and Fugue No. 2 in d**

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

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NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
EVENING PRAYER FOR  
MEMORIAL OF THE SAINTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT  
Richard Cunningham and John Janisse, soloists and cantors  
Terry DeForest, homilist.

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