

Prayers have been asked today for:

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26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17th, 2013

SUNG MASS & BAPTISM AT 11:15

**Look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.**

Luke 21.28

The service begins on page 185 of the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS).
Hymns and service music are found in the burgundy Hymnal 1982 (items marked
“S” are in the front portion of the book).

Please stand, as able, as the service begins.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit.

All: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

All: One God and Father of all.

Kyrie (Hymnal: S91)

Gloria (Hymnal: S201)

Collect of the Day

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.

Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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Liturgy of the word

(A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65.17-25 (Please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

Blessing

Closing hymn 670: Lord, forever at thy side

SONG 13

Lord, forever at thy side
let my place and portion be;
strip me of the robe of pride,
clothe me with humility.

When I come before thy Word,
quiet my anxiety;
teach me thou alone art Lord,
let my heart find rest in thee.

What thy Spirit doth reveal,
that may I in faith receive;
though my doubts I sorely feel,
thy sure promise I believe.

Israel, now and evermore
in the Lord Almighty trust;
him, in all his ways, adore,
wise, and wonderful, and just.

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Welcome to everyone here today!
Please join us after Mass for refreshments and conversation in the
parish hall.*

Intercessions List

*A list is available each Sunday on the small table at the entrance.
Please feel free to add your own petitions, and the names of those
you would like prayed for during Mass.*

*Because we are using the baptismal litany today,
these prayers will be offered at the Wednesday Eucharist.*

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (*Hymnal S158*) Willan

All: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
grant us thy peace.**

Communion

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.
If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion,
please cross your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.
Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.*

Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.

Communion music: Thy word is a lamp Michael Smith

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Prayer after Communion: BAS, p. 393

Priest: Let us pray.
Gracious God, in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord –
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Isaiah 12

- 1 YOU WILL say on that **day**: / I will give **thanks** to you, O[^]Lord;
- 2 for though you were angry with me, your anger turned **a-way**, /
and you **com-fort-ed** me.
- 3 Surely God is my **salva-tion**; I will trust, and will not be **a-fraid**, /
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become **my sal-va-tion**.
- 4 With joy you will draw **wa-ter** / from the wells **of sal-va-tion**.
- 5 And you will say on that **day**:
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his **name**; /
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name **is ex-alt-ed**.
- 6 Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done **glo-rious[^]ly**; /
let this be **known** in all the[^]earth.
- 7 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal **Zi-on**, /
for great in your midst is the Holy **One** of Is-ra[^]el.

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Reader: A reading from the 2nd letter to the Thessalonians.

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able, for the gradual hymn.

Gradual hymn 632: O Christ, the Word incarnate

O Christ, the Word incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

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Priest:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All:

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (BAS, p. 918)

McNeil Robinson

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All:

We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Sanctus (Hymnal S125)

Proulx

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love

you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

O make thy Church, dear Saviour,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see face to face.

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will

be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Rev'd Mtr Maggie Helwig (*Please be seated*)

Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: We present Mark Anthony Colin Stephen Smith to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Candidate: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Candidate: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Candidate: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?
Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidate: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?
Candidate: I do.

The congregation stands.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

All: **We will.**

And that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self, and essence all divine.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise; in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

Prayer over the Gifts

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Priest: Holy God,
in this Eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people
who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Giving of the Light

The newly baptized is given a lighted candle.

- Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.
- All: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**
- Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- All: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Peace

- Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- All: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those near you: a handshake, slight bow, or other greeting. Please respect the wishes of those who prefer not to shake hands.

Announcements

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn 445: Praise to the Holiest in the height

GERONTIUS

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

Prayers for the Candidates

- Priest: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.
- Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.
- All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.
- All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection, and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
- All: **Amen.**

Celebration of Baptism

All who wish may gather around the priest, candidate, and family at the font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that they who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

All:

Priest:

Let us join with Mark, who is committing himself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Priest:

Do you believe in God the Father?

All:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All:

**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.

Priest:

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All:

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting.**

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Baptism

The candidate is presented to the priest, who pours water upon him.

Priest:

Mark, if you have not already been baptized, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross in chrism on the forehead of the newly baptized.

Priest:

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All:

Amen.