

Sunday, October 25, 2020 21st Sunday After Pentecost Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday Roster

Preacher: Fr. Jim Woolley Worship Leader: Fenella
Host: Benjamin Reader & Intercessor: Carol

Introduction before starting service – Fenella

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

Opening Sentence (P. 388) – Fenella

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you."

John 14:23

The Peace (P.192) - Fr. Jim

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Grace (P.185) - Fr. Jim

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Confession (P.45) - Fenella

Leader: 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.

All: 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.

Absolution (P.46) – Fr. Jim

Celebrant: 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.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 – Carol

Reader: Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn – Go Make A Difference

Refrain:

Go make a difference.

We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference.

We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see The love of God in you and me we are the light of the world, Not to be hidden but be seen.

Go make a difference in the world.

(Refrain)

2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, The face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; We are the voice of peace.

Go make a difference in the world.

(Refrain)

3. So let your love shine on, Let it shine for all to see.

Go make a difference in the world.

And the spirit of Christ

Will be with us as we go.

Go make a difference in the world.

(Refrain)

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Gospel Matthew 22:34-46 - Fr. Jim

Reader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Question about David's Son

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Fr. Jim

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Fenella

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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

Amen.

Prayers of the People (P.115 Litany 6) – Carol

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's her transition to St. E, church reopening

Anglican: Wales - The Most Revd John Davies

Diocesan: FaithWorks, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada,

Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid

Infirm: Esther Chen, Fung Tai Chan (Ophelia Chiu's mother)

Condolences: Yuk Jun Tse (Barby Choi's mother)

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true

and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord

will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy

and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or

ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to

its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the whole human family, that we may live together in

justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day (P. 388) - Carol

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: Lord God our redeemer,

who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery,

free us from the tyranny of sin and death,

and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (P.54) - Fr. Jim

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as

our Saviour taught us,

All: 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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing (P.683 ii) - Fr. Jim

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your

hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

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Dismissal – Fenella

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

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