

SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE WORSHIP

May 24, 2020 at 10 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday in Easter Season – Jerusalem Sunday
St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

Gail Ovington is at the keyboard; Dean Ken leads the singing

Music is played as folks gather online

Sentence

Melissa Green

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you! Psalm 122.6

Welcome

God of my life, look gently down. In this time and place, this service originates from the ancestral and unceded lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.

From many places and peoples we come together in prayer.

In this time and place, we meet in the presence of the living God.

The living God who creates us and all that is.

In this time and place, the risen Christ stands in our midst.

The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.

In this time and place, together, one people of God.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN CP 18

O laughing light, O first-born of creation
Radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, Holy, bright and blessed,
You shine upon us.

Day's light is fragile; your light is eternal;
We look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit;
You shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus you are worthy,
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you!

Hear as the universe proclaims your glory,
You shine among us.

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Introducing Jerusalem Sunday

Melissa Green

Jerusalem Sunday is an annual church observance to celebrate companionship in God's mission with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. The Diocese is a historic and active member of the Christian, ecumenical and interfaith community of the Middle East. It is home to several thousand Arab Anglicans in thirty parishes and situated in one of the world's holiest destinations for Christian, Jewish and Muslim pilgrims.

The ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem bring hope, skills, health; a peaceful future to those they serve. Jerusalem Sunday is an opportunity for Anglicans in Canada to send a measure of financial support to the health care ministries of the Diocese. Offerings to date have improved the diagnostic and program capacity of the Penman Medical Clinic, Zababdeh, West Bank; Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, and Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza. Should you wish to make a donation please contact St. Paul's office for contribution details.

Amongst other themes we celebrate together the diocese with its healing and reconciling work.

PRAYER FOR JERUSALEM (written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz)

O God, We give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth.

We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East.

Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples.

Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them.

Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful.

We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Melissa Green

So when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. 1:6-14

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

HYMN CP 472

Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

open our lips
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;

perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;

let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.
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A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Dean Ken

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

SONG More Voices 20

God of still waiting,
God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest:

hold us in fathomless peace,
guard us with unwaning love.

Spirit of promise,
Spirit of purpose,
Spirit of ceaseless prayer:
bathe us in life full and free,
kindle our wonder and hope.

Word who comes to us,
Word who lives with us,
Word who disturbs and heals:
silence our chattering fears,
waken our unconscious faith.

Word true and faithful,
hope-bringing Spirit,
God of enfolding love:
come in your fullness and grace;
work through our lives for your praise.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ Bishop Gordon

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the

world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." 17:1-11

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily

Bishop Gordon

SONG Voices United 400

Dean Ken

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace

Prayers of the People

Dean Ken

Let us pray to God, the Holy Spirit, saying; Come, Holy Spirit, Come
Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the Church here and everywhere. For our Bishops and leaders, for our Clergy and teachers, for the Anglican Communion around the world and, particularly today, for the church in Jerusalem, for Archbishop Suheil, Coadjutor Bishop Hosam Naoum, and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Ibrahim Azar and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and The Holy land, that all may proclaim your word of peace and reconciliation. We pray together:

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for justice and peace on earth. For leaders of this country of Canada and for leaders of all nations, particularly remembering today Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. May peace and harmony abundantly bless these achingly beautiful and historic places of your Creation, O God. We pray together

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bring to those who lead Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities a spirit of cooperation and collaboration as this ancient and blessed city continues to be 'holy' for us all. We pray together

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit, be with all those in need. We pray for victims of war and violence, for refugees and prisoners, for all who are afflicted or oppressed, that they may be held in your healing power. We pray for those who have died . . . that they may live eternally in

God's presence, and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted. We pray together **Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

In other local biddings . . . We pray together **Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us we 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 for ever. Amen.**

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Dean Ken

On behalf of myself, wardens and committee members, I acknowledge the generous financial support of so many through these challenging times. To those who contribute electronically, through envelopes received by post or in other ways, I say THANK YOU and offer this short blessing in relation to your generous gifts.

O God, the protector and giver of all, bless those gifts given which support your ministry in Anglican tradition and practice in and through St. Paul's. As we know and live into Your blessing O God, may others be similarly blessed. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Announcements

Dean Ken

HYMN Voices United 399

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;

Hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing
springtime green and autumn gold;
Mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,
choosing man and woman too;
Abram's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,
starchild born to set us free;
Sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
Live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
joined in love our praises ring!
Text: William Boyd Grove

A short postlude is played