

# *A Service of the Word*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Virtual worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

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*Music is played by Gail Ovington as we gather online. Rhonda Dextraze leads the singing*

*Territorial acknowledgement and welcome*

Dean Ken

Officiant    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.**

Officiant    Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant    Dear friends in Christ,  
                  as we turn our hearts and minds  
                  to worship almighty God,  
                  let us confess our sins.

People       **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.**

Officiant    Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Collect    Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love fulfils the law.

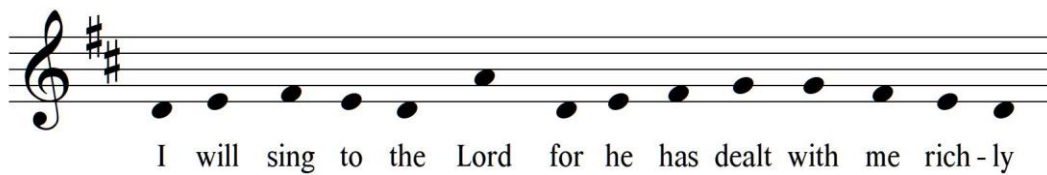
May we love you with all our heart,  
all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,  
and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." GENESIS 22:1-14

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



How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever?  
 how long will you hide your face from me?  
 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
 and grief in my heart, day after day?  
 how long shall my enemy triumph over me? R

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;  
 give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
 and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. R

But I put my trust in your mercy;  
 my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;  
 I will praise the name of the Lord Most High. R

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your

members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 6:12-23

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

Hymn

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
From failing embers build a blazing fire;  
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
To seek a world more gracious,  
Come touch and bless our hearts.**

**Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
Let life and beauty fill us,  
Come touch and bless our souls.**

**Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
Help us to open doors of understanding,  
To welcome truth and wisdom,  
Come touch and bless our minds.**

**Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
That we may rise to follow and to serve,  
Steady now our nerve,  
Come touch and bless our wills.**

**Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
To break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
That we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
Our mind, our strength, our all,  
Come touch us with your grace."**

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CCORDING TO MATTHEW Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." MATTHEW 10:40-42

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon

Dean Ken

Officiant    Let us confess our faith as we say,  
All            **I believe in God,  
                 the Father almighty,  
                 creator of heaven and earth.**

Melissa Green

**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.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbours,  
and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For Lincoln. our bishop-elect, and for all other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord.

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,  
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God,

you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;

you know our needs before we ask,

and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Officiant    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 forever. Amen.**

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## Doxology

Officiant    Glory to God  
All            **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.**

Officiant    May the God of hope  
                  fill us with all joy and peace in believing  
                  through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Hymn

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, THE LOVE OF CHRIST PROCLAIM  
TILL ALL THE WORLD ADORE HIS SACRED NAME.

Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout  
If we are silent, even stones cry out

Jesus you wept to see our human strife  
Teach us compassion for each human life

Peace was your theme, and peace your loving theme,  
Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Great is the cost of walking on this road  
To follow and suffer with the Son of God

Worlds to be born and children yet to be  
Come take up this song into eternity

*A postlude is played*