



St. Martin's Anglican Church

May 30, 2021

Refugee Sunday

Prelude *Prayer (Suite for Organ, Op. 70)*, Paul Creston (1906-1985)

Sentence: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Opening Hymn (organ) Holy, Holy, Holy, vs. 1 & 2

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,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

All **for the love of God welcomes us all.**

Celebrant Here in this place, there are no outsiders,

All **for the love of God embraces us all.**

Celebrant Here in this place, there are no strangers,

All **for the love of God unites us all.**

Celebrant Come, let us worship God in unity and love.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant God, we come into Your presence
with praise and thanksgiving.

You have searched us,

known us,

cared for us,

and welcomed us as daughters and sons.

In You, we find our home.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,

and the inspiration of Your Word,

continue to work in us and through us.

Transform us into Your image.

Make us signs of grace and hospitality

to the world around us,

so that Your kingdom would come

and Your will would be done,

on earth, as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 24.17-22

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading Hebrews 13.2

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25.31-46

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then

he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection A video from Bishop Andrew, AURA, and the Diocese of Toronto

Moment of Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

This we believe.

That it is central to the mission of Christ
to participate, by word and action,
in the struggles of the poor for justice,
to share justly the earth's land and resources,
to rejoice in the diversity of human culture,
to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty,
to accompany the uprooted

and to welcome the stranger, and to witness
to the love of God for all people of the earth.

This we believe.

That we are called to become
the Church of the Stranger,
to open ourselves
to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit
which may come to us through the foreigner,
to take the risk of speaking out
on behalf of those who are different from us,
and to see that when we minister to the stranger,
the uprooted, we are serving our Lord and Saviour.

This we believe.

That Christ, fully aware of our differences,
prays that we might be one,
so that the world may believe.

**This we believe,
and to this we are committed
for the love of God in the way of Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **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.**

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn (organ) I Bind unto Myself Today, vs. 1 & 4

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation,
his bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.

Offering Prayer

Celebrant God of the widows and orphans, the immigrants and refugees, You have promised justice for the oppressed food for the hungry, freedom for the prisoner, and relief to all who are burdened. In Christ, You offer life to all. Open our hearts and minds to see what You see, to love as You love, to give as You have given, so that Your promised justice would become reality in our world. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Source: "Prayers for Worship", *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006), p. 67-68.

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence

Breaking of Bread 2

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

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

The Communion

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

People **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Celebrant God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests.

You lavishly offer us your hospitality
and lovingly welcome us into your family,
You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom.
God, you have shown us
that providing hospitality to strangers
opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. Remind us that
when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ
into our midst
and so fulfilling the law of love.

All **We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend,
the rich, and the poor,
We open our lives
to offer a generous heart toward all.
Amen.**

Commission & Benediction

Celebrant As you have been loved – love.
As you have been welcomed – welcome.
As you have been fed – feed.
As you have received – give.
And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus
Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn (organ) Yours the Hand that Made Creation, vs. 1 & 3

Yours the hand that made creation,
womb of every constellation,
every species, every nation:

glory to the Three-in-One.

Holy Wisdom, ever near us,
tongue of fire to teach all hearers,
sanctify and guard and cheer us:
glory to the Three-in-One.

Rev. Shelly Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Hora Mystica, Op. 132*, Enrico Bossi (1861-1925)

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Announcements

Refugee Sunday - Bishop Andrew has designated today, Trinity Sunday, as Refugee Sunday in our Diocese. As it is also the first Sunday after Pentecost, that time when the early Church first awakened to its calling to be a place of welcome for all nations, we can be reminded of how our welcome transforms the world. We will observe Refugee Sunday with readings and prayers for the day.

Join Our A/V Ministry Team!

During the church closure, the A/V group has been working to refine the processes involved with the Audio/Visual aspects of our worship services. These will continue to be used after we re-open the church building. This will ensure that those who may not feel comfortable returning to in-person right away will continue to have access to our worship services. Furthermore, those who will be

back in church will be able to read the words of the service without books or bulletins. (Prayer books and hymnals will still be available at the church.)

There are two aspects to this: **Recording and Projecting**. We are seeking people to be part of one or both teams. No experience is necessary, as training will be provided for each team.

The **Recording Team** is responsible for recording/editing/uploading the Sunday worship services to our YouTube channel. Those who are interested in working on the Recording Team should contact Mark Lynn via the office.

The **Projecting Team** is charged with entering the words of the service into the projection computer and projecting those words onto the screens at the front of the church. If being part of the Projecting Team is something that interests you, please contact Peter Davidson via the office.

Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back at 12:30 PM on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.
Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

Wednesday Service on Zoom – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 AM. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.
Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

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