

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are with us for the first time. Our community has worshipped at the heart of Montreal on Ste-Catherine Street since the 1860s; today, we are worshiping on-line to gather our community at this time of COVID-19.

In all circumstances, we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them. | John 4:16

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We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations.

Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.



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THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

The Minister shall read aloud one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2. 14.

The Minister, turning to the people, shall say the Exhortation in the form following.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister.

All **Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a
godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister Praise ye the Lord;

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Then shall be said or sung this Psalm following:

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO. Psalm 95

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord: /
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, /
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, /
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth: /
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it: /
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship, and fall down, /
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God; /
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.**

THE PSALMS

PSALM 147:1-12, 21c

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!
- 2 **The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 **He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 **The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 **He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;**
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 **He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse, *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 **But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favour.**
- 21 Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Minister We praise thee, O God;

People **we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.**

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

Minister To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

People **To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.**

Minister The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;

People **The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;**

Minister The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;

People **The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,**

Minister The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

People **Thine honourable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

Minister Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

People **When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.**

Minister When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

People **Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.**

Minister We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

People **Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.**

THE SECOND LESSON Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

And after the Creed these prayers following:

Minister The Lord be with you;
People **And with thy spirit.**

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Then the Priest shall say:

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest O Lord, save the Queen;
People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest O Lord, save thy people;
People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

together with any other Collects appointed to be said, and these two prayers in order.

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

The Second Collect, for Peace.

We invite your prayers for international and domestic areas of tension.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace.

We invite your prayers for matters which require spiritual healing or forgiveness.

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Queen and the Commonwealth.

We invite your prayers for the leaders of the world and the health of society.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

We invite your prayers for the church and for all people of faith.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Intercessions of the day

We invite your prayers for the sick, those in need, the dying, and the concerns of your heart.

Thanksgivings

We invite your prayers of gratitude for blessings in your life or in the world.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

All **Almighty God,**
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

WEEKDAY PRAYERS	PRIÈRES DE LA SEMAINE
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday / Lundi</p> <p>9h15 Morning Prayer and fellowship / Prière du matin et conversation https://zoom.us/j/688446062?pwd=eEthdWcyRUhxaVE0YkjqQkNyR3R3Zz09 Meeting ID: 688 446 062 Password: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday / Mercredi</p> <p>19h Evening prayer with Scripture discussion/ Prières du soir avec discussion sur la Bible (en) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82217152154?pwd=U29kRmNXUXZtUWpGTHpVTXhEQW5lZz09 Meeting ID: 822 1715 2154 Passcode: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Last Sunday of the month / Le dernier dimanche du mois</p> <p>12:15 pm QueerSpace / 12h15 QueerSpace https://zoom.us/j/841742422?pwd=VWVjMlMwXseU43YlpLYXVxSmhndktoZz09 Meeting ID: 841 742 422 Passcode: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799</p>	

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