

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service

Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude **Psalm 42 (Partita #1)** *Georg Böhm*

The Gathering of the Community

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your
Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that
we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever.**

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

Celebrant But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and
came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that
he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I
am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the
broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and
said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head
was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and
drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second

time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Celebrant
All

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

John 6: 35, 41-51

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily/
Reflection

The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Just as bread is the visible form of life-giving nourishment, so Jesus is the visible form of God's life-giving love.

Let us pray to our God as we worship him in Spirit and in truth.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are commissioned and called to work as leaders and prophets in your Church. We pray for greater discernment of your presence and your will in our Christian communities, and a clearing away of all that obscures our vision.

Celebrant Open our eyes:
All **to see your glory.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we pray against the cynicism and complacency that deaden wonder. In the ordinary things of life may we detect your love and wisdom; through the everyday events may we encounter you, walking alongside us.

Celebrant Open our eyes:
All **to see your glory.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we pray for breadwinners and sandwich makers, and all food growers; for your presence in kitchens, dining rooms, canteens, restaurants and bars; wherever people gather to eat together, may they find you there with them.

Celebrant Open our eyes:
All **to see your glory.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose emotional damage makes trusting and receiving seem threatening and dangerous. We pray for peace of mind for the anxious, and hope for all who are close to despair.

Celebrant Open our eyes:
All **to see your glory.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have reached the boundary of death, that in faith they may journey through it and out into the unconfined space and joy of heaven.

Celebrant Open our eyes:
All **to see your glory.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we rejoice that the ordinary things of this world are saturated with your extraordinary love.

Celebrant Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Blessing

Celebrant May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

