

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service

Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude **People Draw Near to God in Their Distress**

Tune; Sursum Corda

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 Stir up, O Lord,
All **the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the
fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah

Celebrant Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Celebrant
All

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously

they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Mark 7: 24-37

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

Homily/
Reflection The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

Hymn **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** *Tune; Dominus Regit Me*

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Jesus comes fulfilling the hope of healing to wholeness; he shows that mercy has triumphed over judgement.

Let us pray to our loving and merciful God.

Lord, we thank you for the richness and diversity of each unique identity. We pray for the separate members of this Body of Christ, and our corporate nature, that we may be filled at every level with the living breath of God.

Celebrant
All Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

Celebrant We thank you for the beauty and variety of our landscapes and cultures, all over the world; for starscapes and the wideness of space. Teach us to cherish and respect this universe we inhabit and all those who look or sound different from ourselves.

Celebrant
All Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

Celebrant We thank you for the hope each newborn child brings; for the gentle gifts of laughter and friendship, thoughtfulness and

sympathy. We pray that our eyes may see all others with God's affection.

Celebrant
All Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

Celebrant We thank you for the patient endurance of so many who suffer so much; for them all we pray your wholeness and refreshing, your upholding and healing.

Celebrant
All Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

Celebrant We thank you for the promise of mercy triumphing over judgement, and commend to your love for ever our own loved ones who have died.

Celebrant
All Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

Celebrant We thank you for all our blessings and pray that we may take none of them for granted, but commit ourselves to live out our thanks each day.

Celebrant
All Merciful Father,
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.**

Announcements

Dismissal

Leader Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **Andante with Variations** *G.F. Handel*

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