

# Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

## Order of Service

### Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**                    **“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”**                    *Tune: Duke Street*

#### **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**                    **we are taught by your word that all our doings without  
love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour  
into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true  
bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

*Celebrant*                    Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in  
them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of  
the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is  
the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your

ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

*John 6: 56-69*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

Homily/  
Reflection

The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

**Hymn**

**“Sing Ye Praises to the Father”**

*Tune; Arfon Major*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

*“To whom else could we go? You alone have the words of eternal life.”*

We have chosen to serve the Lord. Let us pray to him now.

We pray for those whose faith is being challenged or undermined by inner doubts or outside influences. We pray for those who

build up our faith and all who strive to proclaim the Gospel in language that people understand.

*Celebrant*  
**All**

Holy God, we believe:  
**help our unbelief.**

*Celebrant*

We pray for our torn and fragmented world, wrestling to equate the deep yearning for peace with the instinctive urge for gratification and power; that many may have the courage to walk God's way.

*Celebrant*  
**All**

Holy God, we believe:  
**help our unbelief.**

*Celebrant*

We pray for our loved ones; for those who lift our hearts and those who turn our hair grey. We pray for those we instinctively warm to and those with whom there are frequent misunderstandings. We thank God for our opportunities of forgiveness.

*Celebrant*  
**All**

Holy God, we believe:  
**help our unbelief.**

*Celebrant*

We pray for those approaching death, that through our prayers they may know themselves accompanied with love on that journey. We pray for those who have died, that they may come to know the full joy of heaven.

*Celebrant*  
**All**

Holy God, we believe:  
**help our unbelief.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Holy God, for making yourself known to us, both in daily living and sacramentally in the breaking of bread.

*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**            **“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”**      *Tune; Duke Street*

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

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