

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service

Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Interlude

Denis Bédard

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 O God,
All **the protector of all who trust in you, without whom
 nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply
 upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and
 guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we
 lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our
 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Celebrant After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also
 called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him,
 because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus
 went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.
 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he
 looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus
 said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to

eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

John 6: 1-21

*Celebrant
People*

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

Homily/
Reflection

The Reverend Canon Richard Dentinger

Hymn

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnes

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Out of God's riches, a great crowd is fed and satisfied from a small offering of food.

Knowing that our loving God supplies all our needs, let us pray to him now on behalf of the Church and the world.

Father, we offer this time and the love of our hearts as we pray for the Church with all its varied ministries; for the youngest to the oldest baptised members; for those of mellow faith and those who struggle with doubts.

Celebrant Loving Father:
All **give us today our daily bread.**

Celebrant Father, we offer our commitment to pray the news each day and share the pain we read about, longing for your peace and your justice in a world tense with aggression and distorted with selfishness.

Celebrant Loving Father:
All **give us today our daily bread.**

Celebrant Father, we offer our homes and our relationships for you to work in and transform; we offer you our meetings and conflicts and all differences of opinion for you to use to your glory.

Celebrant Loving Father:
All **give us today our daily bread.**

Celebrant Father, we offer you our solidarity with all who suffer or are heavily burdened; hear us as we pray for their comfort and refreshment, wholeness and restoration, but above all for the consciousness of your presence in their pain, and your love for them.

Celebrant Loving Father:
All **give us today our daily bread.**

Celebrant Father, we offer our thanks for lives well lived and faithful souls entering by the gate of physical death to eternal life with you. Prepare us all to meet you face to face.

Celebrant Loving Father:
All **give us today our daily bread.**

Celebrant Father, we give you our lives as well as our words of praise, so that each moment from now on becomes an offering of 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.**

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Postlude **Praeludium in d minor** *H. Scheidemann*
(Performed on the Dordt University Chapel **Casavant** Organ)

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