

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service

Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People

Sunday, February 7, 2021

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Gospeller 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 him 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 sunset, 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. *Mark 1: 29-39*

*Gospeller
People*

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

Homily/
Reflection

The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

Hymn # 520
Verses 1,3, 6

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Tune: Dominus Regit Me

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Christ is the image of the unseen God.

Celebrant

Our God made us and our universe, and delights in us.
Prompted by the Spirit of God in us, let us pray.

Celebrant

We pray for the godly wisdom that is touched by the beauty of creation, delights in the diversity of people, and warms to the possibilities of co-operative prayer and work for the coming of the kingdom.

Celebrant
All

Wise and holy God:
we are your children.

Celebrant

We pray for the godly wisdom that, in observing symptoms, discerns causes and responds to the real needs; that strives not to control but enable, not to manipulate but empower.

Celebrant
All

Wise and holy God:
we are your children.

Celebrant We pray for the godly wisdom that gives others both space and support, that encourages and guides, that knows when to speak and when to be silent.

Celebrant Wise and holy God:
All **we are your children,.**

Celebrant We pray for the godly wisdom that recognizes the poverty of the rich and the wealth among the poor; that questions assumptions of worth and cherishes those whom the world discards.

Celebrant Wise and holy God:
All **we are your children.**

Celebrant We pray for the godly wisdom that sees time in the context of eternity, and death as the gateway to heaven.

Celebrant Wise and holy God:
All **we are your children.**

Celebrant We pray for the godly wisdom that lives simply and thankfully, rejoicing in all that God is and does.

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.

God's Blessing for Epiphany~Tide

Celebrant May God's peace, strength, and comfort be with you in these days, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love, today and always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.