

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People Sunday, July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Meditation

Denis Bedard

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 **your Son has opened for us a new and living way into
your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to
worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they
had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted
place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming
and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went
away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many
saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on
foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went
ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them,
because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began

to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

*Celebrant
People*

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

Homily/
Reflection

The Reverend Canon Richard Dentinger

Hymn

Lamb of God

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Like a good shepherd, Jesus sees the needs of his people and always responds with love.

Knowing God's love and concern for us all, let us settle ourselves in his presence and pray to him now.

Recognising our brokenness and disunity as your Church, we pray for your leading to draw us closer to one another as we draw closer to you; we pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters in this neighbourhood, and for all who are searching for meaning in their lives.

*Celebrant
All*

The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want.

Celebrant With the noise of global conflicts and human deprivation thundering in our ears, with the questions and doubts clamouring, we pray for your shepherding of our humanness and your leading in the secret places of the heart.

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd:
All there is nothing I shall want.

Celebrant With the statistics of family life challenging our values, and with the pressures to conform to norms in conflict with God's will, we pray for your sound and centred wisdom in all our daily living and life choices.

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd:
All there is nothing I shall want.

Celebrant With the stressed and overburdened, the overworked and the unemployed, we pray for balanced lives; for physical, mental and spiritual health; for patience in times of trouble, and direction in times of confusion.

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd:
All there is nothing I shall want.

Celebrant As we remember with love and gratitude the lives of those who have died in faith, we commend them to your eternal rest and unchanging affection.

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd:
All there is nothing I shall want.

Celebrant With the crowds of Galilee our hearts are lifted with joy at your presence among us, for we know that you have the words of eternal life.

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 Trumpet Tune in D

H. Purcell

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covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.