

Evening Prayer
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 7, 2021

the Parishes of New Carlisle & Chaleur Bay (Anglican Diocese of Quebec)
(adapted from the *Book of Alternative Services*, pages 61-71)

Opening Sentences:

He took our infirmities and bore our diseases. *Matthew 8.17*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pour them out upon the surface of the earth: the Lord is his name. ~ *Amos 5.8*



He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.

Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

The Penitential Rite

The officiant says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship Almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest, says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Invitatory

Hymn: Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven.
Common Praise (1938) #781

**1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**

**2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.**

**4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,**

Text: Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847
Music: LAUDA ANIMA (John Goss, 1869)

**God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.**

**5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens

like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:21-31

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 62 (BAS 782)

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

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A Song to the Lamb

Revelation 4,11; 5.9-10, 13

Splendour and honour and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have
their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for
God,

From every family, language, people, and
nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and
splendour, *
for ever and for evermore.
Amen.

The congregation may stand or sit for a Gospel reading. The reader may say,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to . . .

***People* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then at the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 Jesus 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 sundown, 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

Sermon: At Peter's House: A Servant Community is Born.

A sermon or other comment on the readings is appropriate at principal services on Sundays and at other major gatherings of the Christian community. A silence for reflection may follow.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for
the Church
the Queen and all in authority
the world
the local community
those in need
the departed.

The Collect of the Day:

Merciful Lord,
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

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: I Feel the Winds of God Today

1 I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

2 It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;

Text: Jessie Adams Tune: KINGSFOLD

if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

3 If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.

Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
today my sail I lift.

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia is added to the
dismissal and the people's response*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**