



August 7, 2022, Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, 1962)

Dear Saints of St. John's: It is a joy to be back with you, after holiday in July. Do let us keep Sean and Penny in our prayers through their vacation in August. Every summer for many years I read - in whole, or in part - "Christian Leaders of the Eighteenth Century" by J.C. Ryle: 11 short biographies of Anglicans whose ministries produced the 'Evangelical Revival' which literally saved the Church of England from extinction. Through August I will share with you some elements of their success, which "shook England from one end to another," with clear application and encouragement for us today, three hundred years after! The days were dark, the Church ineffective, her leaders unequal to the times. But God touched the heart of a handful of Ministers whose labours we still benefit from - George Whitefield & John Wesley included - despite being neither patronized, paid, nor promoted by their Church. (The two I have mentioned were never even Rectors of their own parish). All eleven leaders had a Gift which they used to the utmost effect. Can you guess which one? **Guy B.**

THE LITURGY (ORDER OF SERVICE) will be presented entirely on screen.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Lyrics will be projected on screen. They are also available by following the links at stjohnsrichmond.ca/church-life/sundays/.

TODAY'S READINGS (Bibles are available from the cart by the Welcome Table)

Psalm 33 Selections from Acts 1 & 2 (1:6-8; 2:1-4, 12-14, 36-39, 42-47) Melody Shi

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY After all the children come forward for prayer, their class meets upstairs, and will be brought down for Holy Communion.

COLLECT OF THE DAY O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Norm Petersman

HOLY COMMUNION

When receiving the bread and drinking individual cups of wine, we will say:

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING; OPENING VERSES

OPENING HYMN

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and
with all your mind, and
with all your strength.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(a focused request to God from the Book of Common Prayer, for this day in the church year; found on Page 1)*

CHILDREN'S TALK + APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PSALM

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SONGS

READING Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *(1 Chronicles 29:10-11, 14)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

INVITATION

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:

Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God:

CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things and judge of all people:**

**We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.**

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

The memory of them grieves us. The burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says to all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul says. This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*.

Hear also what Saint John says. If anybody sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator and eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him,

and he in us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he broke it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

**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 them that 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.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.**

**And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and
service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.**

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BLESSING

Who is the Holy Spirit?

-Biblical images

-Theological understanding

Why Now?

-The Spirit in Creation

-The Spirit in the new Creation

The Big Story

The Holy Spirit in the Church

Our Response