



September 18, 2022, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer, 1962)

Dear Friends:

The Apostle Paul documents and affirms the power of God at work in the life of every Christian person, praying, "...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, **that you may know** what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and **what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe**, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come." (Ephesians 1:18-21) Paul asserts that the power that raised Jesus from the dead (and seated him at his right hand) is the same power (immeasurably great!) at work in all believers. His prayer is that "you may know."

I want you to know this, as well. And we will see his immeasurably great power at work not just in 1 Samuel, but in your love and concern for the Lord Jesus and his reputation, and in your love for one another and your/our progress in the gospel. As we encourage one another, we help manifest the reality of the Kingdom of God at SJR and in all our relationships.

Blessings, **Sean**

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 135 1 Samuel 4:1b-22 1 Samuel 5:1-5; and 6:1-12 Kevin Warr

CHILDREN'S PRAYER After all the children come forward for prayer, the children's classes meet upstairs, and will be brought down at the end of the service.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Tracey Larter

NOTICES

- Tuesday Sermon Discussion Group continues at the Love's home Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm weekly. Talk to Sean for more information
- Women's and Men's Small Groups in formation
- Monday Night Family Ministry begins tomorrow
- Fred Scott Sr. Memorial Service October 1st at 4:30pm in the TLC Nave

GREETING

OPENING VERSES

OPENING HYMN

(All lyrics will be screen-shared)

CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the leader)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He pardons and absolves all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE (Sung)

KRISTA CARTER

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

READING *(Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

PSALM *(Psalm is found on Page 1)*

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

READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.**

SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG and PRAYER

(By offering money to God for his mission through us, we recognize his provisions in all things, declare our joyful dependence upon him, and resist the idolatry of money.)

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)

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
○ Lord, save the King;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And evermore mightily defend us.
○ God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Printed on Page 1)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou will grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN and BLESSING

The Power and the Glory

Chapter 4: God is not "Containable"

On the Battlefield

The Ark of God

In Israel

Chapter 5: God is not "Helpless"

In Foreign Temples

The Hand of God

In Foreign Territory

Chapter 6: God is not "Indifferent"

To His Enemies' Hearts

An Offering To God

To His Peoples' Hearts