



January 22, 2023, The Third Sunday After The Epiphany (Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer, 1962)

Dear Friends:

Welcome to SJR! This week Penny and I ask your prayers for our son Thomas and his fiancé Audrey, as they get married on Saturday. Pray for protection from all assaults of the enemy, freedom from excessive anxiety and obsession over detail, and for a deep sense of Jesus Christ's central presence in the formal and informal parts of the day. Pray, mostly, that Christ will grant peace and insight and great joy to Audrey and Thomas as they begin their covenant relationship, and start their life together as a new family in God's kingdom. We are so thankful for God's abiding work in Thomas and Audrey, and how he has brought them to this point.

I finished the long biography of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer yesterday, a journey that has lasted several months. On the second-last page of the book the author, Diarmaid MacCulloch, summarized Cranmer's greatest gift, besides his theological and gospel clarity, to the generations: the language (not just the contents) of the Book of Common Prayer.

He writes: "The prayer book's language was created by an individual with a natural ear for formal prose: for sound, and sentence construction. For this reason, Cranmer deserves the gratitude, not merely of the church of England, but of all English speakers throughout the world. Through his connoisseurship, his appreciative pilfering of other people's words and his own adaptations, he created a prose which was self-consciously formal and highly crafted, intended for repeated use until it was polished as smooth as a pebble on the beach." An appropriate (and appropriately well-composed) conclusion.

Warmly, **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)

(Canticle) Isaiah 49:1-7 Luke 18:9-17 Acts 13:44-52 Rosanna Van Eeden Petersman

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Sarah Fleming

NOTICES

- Audrey Jones & Thomas Love will be married next Saturday, January 28, 2023. All are invited to attend the ceremony: 1pm at Christ City Church, South Vancouver, 5887 Prince Edward St.

- Nominations for Directors, Synod Delegates

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)*

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.

(Standing)

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

OFFERING 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.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS 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

A Central Truth for Syrian Antioch: JUSTIFICATION

Next Week in Church: a 3-FOLD REACTION

Next Week in Church: a 2-FOLD RESPONSE

Next Week in Church: 1 GREAT REPLY

LIGHT FOR THE WORLD