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**AND**

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 7)



Wanda Robson, the sister of Viola Desmond, with Finance Minister Bill Morneau, in Gatineau, Quebec, on December 8, 2016

**10:30 a.m. – Black History Month Service**

***Welcome***

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available  
 Please ask an usher for assistance*

*There will be no Sunday School today, as the entire family is invited to join in the service.*

**We Gather Together**

**Musical Prelude** “Holy Mount Zion” The Heritage Singers

**Words of Welcome** The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

**Song** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” Text by James W. Johnson

- 1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
 ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
 Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies,  
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
 let us march on till victory is won.
- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod,  
 felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
 yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
 come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
 we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
 true to our God, true to our native land.

**Opening Verses**

*Leader* The Lord be with you:

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

*People* **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

*Leader* I was glad when they said to me:

*People* **Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

*Leader* Praise the Lord:

*People* **The name of the Lord be praised.**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Adapted from Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Doxology**

*Leader* Glory to the Father:

*People* **Glory to the Son.**

*Leader* Glory to the Spirit:

*People* **For ever three in One.**

*Leader* Be glorified in Canada:

*People* **Be glorified in Africa.**

*Leader* Be glorified at home:

*People* **Be glorified in the Church.**

*Leader* Be glorified on earth:

*People* **Be glorified in heaven.**

*Leader* Glory to the Father:

*People* **Glory to the Son.**

*Leader* Glory to the Spirit:

*People* **For ever three in One.**

*Leader* Hallelujah!

*People* **Amen!**

**Song #504 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

**We Listen to God's World**

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1–2,9–18

Max Wynter

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

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<sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33–40 (He)

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfil your promise to your servant,  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,  
because your judgements are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments;  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

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**God, as your only Son revealed you still at work in your creation, so through Christ your living Word enable us to know your love and to share it with others. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 3:10–11,16–23 Shirley Grant  
*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

<sup>20</sup> and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,  
 that they are futile.”

<sup>21</sup> So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup> and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** “Halle, Halle, Halle” Text from traditional liturgical text

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Repeat**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38–48 The Rev. Leonard Leader  
*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

<sup>38</sup> [Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the

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other also; <sup>40</sup> and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup> and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect . . . ”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### We Reflect on God’s Word

**Reflection** Brother Reginald Crenshaw, OHC  
*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

**Medley of Spirituals** The Heritage Singers

### We Respond to God’s Word

**The Prayers of the People** Margie Lyttle  
*Leader* We pray,  
*People* **God of all nations, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Placing our hope in God, we pray,  
*People* **Good and gracious God, who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before you, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life. Help us to see the best within ourselves, so that we may see the best in all persons. Differences among cultures and races are multi-coloured manifestations of your Light. May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers. We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in your Presence in our neighbour. May all peoples live in peace. Amen.**

*From a prayer by the Augustinian Secretariat for Justice and Peace adapted by the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois.*

**Song #484** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

**Confession with Affirmation of Faith and Pardon**

The Rev. Bryan Ransom

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.*People* **Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***Leader* Is the Father with us?*People* **He is.***Leader* Is Christ among us?*People* **He is.***Leader* Is the Spirit here?*People* **He is.***Leader* This is our God:*People* **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.***Leader* We are his people:*People* **We are redeemed.***Leader* Walk then always in love, as Christ has loved you.*People* **Amen.****Liturgical Dance**

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**The Peace***Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.****Offertory Song #383 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"****We go Back into the World****Prayer over the Gifts**

See I Chronicles 29:10,11,14

*Leader* Let us pray.*People* **Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Amen.****The Lord's Prayer***Leader* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,*People* **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.****The Life & Ministry of St. George on Yonge Anglican & Lancing United: Announcements****Closing Prayer**

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*Leader* Let us pray.*People* **Almighty God, Holy Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and sung your praise. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.****The Blessing**

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*Leader* All our problems:*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.***Leader* All our difficulties:*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.***Leader* All the devil's works:*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.***Leader* All our hopes:*People* **We set on the risen Christ.***Leader* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen.****Closing Song #507 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"****Dismissal***Leader* Go in peace as we walk our journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Postlude** "Love in Any Language"

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*Parts of this service are adapted from An Order of Worship from the Anglican Church of Kenya.*