

## 2020 10 04 Service of the Word.

### IN THE NAME

P: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

**C: Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen.**

### PSALM 19:1-4, 7-9, 14

P: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**C: Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.

**Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

**The testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;

**The rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  
**C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **GREETING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray that we faithfully do God's work.

**C:** Lord God, You have planted Your church to be a flourishing fruitful vineyard. Make us loyal and productive, doing the work You have given us to do. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **READING**

**P:** Our Scripture reading for today comes from **Matthew 21:33-46**

**“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes’? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.”**

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord!

**C:** Praise be to You, O Christ!

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**C:** 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 at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SERMON** for today is based on **Matthew 21:33-46**

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Sermon “Whether pastors, too, can be saved.”**

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray!

**C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful Lord, You have planted us as Your own vineyard, that we might bear good fruit for Your glory. Grant to us grace, that we may be faithful and show forth in our lives the good works that glorify You and serve Your purpose.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, embolden us by Your Spirit, that we may give witness to Your mighty acts. Bless the missionaries who bring the Gospel to people who have not heard, and raise up faithful pastors who will nurture the congregations in their care with Your Word and Sacraments. Give us ears willing to hear, minds willing to be instructed and hearts willing to trust You in all things.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, rescue us from all enemies of Your Church, and bless us with church leaders whose voices will not waver in the face of threat. Bless John our church-wide bishop, and David our district bishop, and all our pastors. Inspire men and women to go into church-work vocations, and bless those preparing for church work.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, give to the nations both the desire for and the blessing of peace. Thwart the actions of terrorists and those who would oppress and rule with the power of fear. Bless our political leaders and all who pass, enforce and judge our laws. Spare us from

disease and fear and foolishness. Deliver the poor from want, and help us to provide jobs and worthy employment for all.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other and strengthen them in their life together. Bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and give room in their hearts and homes so that orphans may know the joy of a place and a home to call their own.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as You have encouraged us to pray for one another, so we pray also for our fellow saints in all their needs. And today especially for Coral Baverstock, Robin Baverstock, Irwin Beitz, Dorothy Berg, Peter and Heather Bergen, Ron and Coral Bittner. Heavenly Father, You know their needs, walk with them and bless them with Your presence, Your peace and Your joy.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, deliver the sick from their illnesses, give relief to the suffering, help the troubled to know peace of mind, and be with the grieving and those in their final days. Guide all health care professionals to serve those in need, and give patience to those who must bear with their infirmities, disabilities and infertility. Hear us especially on behalf of our fellow saints Bob and Pat Taplin, for Margaret Moll and pastor Darrin Kohrt and all whom we silently mention in our hearts.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper, that we may be strengthened in faith, renewed in love and nurtured in faith by our communion. Give to us unity of faith and harmony in our life together. Bring us at last with the saints who have gone before, that we may attain everlasting life and dwell in Your presence forever.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, keep us from resentful hearts that would begrudge Your mercy or live selfishly for ourselves and teach us to live for You the life that You have given us, treasuring in our hearts all that is good and wise and seeking after these things.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, O Lord, and give answer to the prayers of Your people prayed in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, forevermore. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**