**A Service of Morning Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 28, 2020***With the Parish of the Valley Clergy Team*

*and participants from St Barnabas, Deep River, and from across the Parish of the Valley*[*www.valleyanglicans.ca*](http://www.valleyanglicans.ca)

**Bell Ringer** – Ken Hall, Ascension, Killaloe with **Greeter** – Sue Parks

**Words of Welcome & Responder –** Canon Susan **Officiant** – Rev. Matthew

**Sermon** – Rev. Matthew **Gospel & Intercessor** – Bishop Michael

**Readers** – David Lee, St Barnabas, Deep River, and Ralph Storey, All Saints, Petawawa

**Hymn** – Paula Lundrigan and Hanna Lundrigan, Holy Trinity.

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

Rev. Matthew: God’s love has been poured into our hearts.

**All: We dwell in God and God in us.**

Rev. Matthew: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name.

**All: Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.**

Rev. Matthew: Sing to God, sing praises to God.

**All: And speak of all God’s marvellous works.**

Rev. Matthew: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God almighty,

**All: Who was and is and is to come!**

**Jubilate** *(Psalm 100)*

**All: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a song.  
Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;   
the One made us and to whom we belong;  
we are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.  
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;   
go into these courts with praise;  
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.   
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Rev. Matthew: God’s love has been poured into our hearts. O come, let us worship.

**The Proclamation of the Word**

David Lee: A reading from Genesis 22:1-14

### The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

**22**After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ **2**He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ **3**So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. **4**On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5**Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ **6**Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. **7**Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ **8**Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

**9**When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10**Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. **11**But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ **12**He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ **13**And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. **14**So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.

David Lee: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks Be to God.**

**Psalm 13**

1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

**\* How long will you hide your face from me?**

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?

**\* How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;

**\* give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

4 lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over this one,”

**\*and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

5 But I put my trust in your mercy;

**\* my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**

6 I will sing to the Lord who has dealt with me richly;

**\* I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.**

Ralph Storey: A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Romans 6:12-23.

**12**Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. **13**No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. **14**For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

**15**What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! **16**Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17**But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, **18**and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. **19**I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

**20**When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21**So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. **22**But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. **23**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ralph Storey: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks Be to God.**

Bishop Michael: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10:40-42)  
**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**40**‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. **41**Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; **42**and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

Bishop Michael: The Gospel of Christ  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon –** Rev. Matthew

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living 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.**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings***Led by Bishop Michael*

The LORD of hosts is with us.

Response:**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**The Collect**

Rev Matthew: Welcoming God,

make us apostles of your generous love,

so that we might offer hospitality

that challenges the world

with your gift of eternal life,

made known in Jesus Christ,

who offered himself for us.

**All: Amen.**

Rev Matthew: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All: 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.**

Rev Matthew: Glory to God  
**All: whose power, working in us,  
 can do infinitely more  
 than we can ask or imagine.  
 Glory to God from generation to generation,  
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Rev Matthew: Let us bless the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Blessing: Rev Matthew

**All: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn –** Paula Lundrigan with Hannah Lundrigan, Holy Trinity, Pembroke

“Amazing Grace” adapted by Mark Hayes.

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,**

that saved a wretch, a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

I once was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

and that same grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already simply come;

This grace hath brought me safe thus far,

and surely grace will lead me home.

I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

bright shining as the glorious sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise

than since the day we first begun.

Than since the day we first begun.

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.*

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