

**Deacon's Retreat & Day with Bishop Kym
Morning Prayer**

"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together." *Isaiah 40:5*

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour,
power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Great and Wonderful

**Great and wonderful are your deeds O Lord God the almighty:
just and true are your ways O ' Sovereign of the nations.
Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?
for you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.
To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.
As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for
ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.
All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us kneel and, in silence,
remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

Officiant:

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.
We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, * "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-9

- ¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
- ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
- ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
- ⁸ For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah Benedictus

Blessed are you O Lord our God:
you have come to your ' people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old:
that you would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

You promised to show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

to give God's people knowledge of salvation:
through the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the ' shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Mark 10:42-45

So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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Reflection – The Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Officiant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Thanksgivings and Intercessions: offered either silently or aloud

A Collect for Saturday

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Collect of the Morning

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one
another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The almighty and merciful God bless us
and keep us now and for ever. Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

~ from the New Zealand Prayer Book