**LITURGY FOR JERUSALEM SUNDAY**

Territory of the People Assembly 2019

St. John the Divine, Quesnel, BC

Sunday June 2, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Presider: The Right Rev. Barbara Andrews

Celebrant: The Right Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop of Montreal

Preacher: The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate

Deacon: The Rev. Margot Rose

Other leadership is provided by members of the Parish of St. John’s

*Jerusalem Sunday invites particular attention and prayer for one of the principal global partnerships of our Anglican Church of Canada; the people, churches and ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Who are they? They are a remnant community spread thinly across the Middle East and Jerusalem. They are part of a Christian minority in these lands. They face complex contextual challenges affecting every aspect of their lives. Even though millions of Christian pilgrims, for instance, visit the land of the Holy One in hopes of walking on the stones where Jesus walked those Christian pilgrims rarely pause to notice, or worship with, or learn about the “living stones” of the local Christian community.*

*The Anglican Church of Canada has had a long and meaningful relationship with the Anglican (Episcopal) Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. They are a diocese of some 7000 members formed into 30 parishes who worship in the name of Jesus and serve faithfully in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. They oversee an enormous outreach ministry of some 30 institutions, employing more than 5000 people providing education, vocational training, medical care in hospitals and clinics, rehabilitation for the hearing impaired, care for children with disabilities, and residential support to the elderly. They are a vibrant faithful community offering a bold witness to the compassionate love of God in action. They need to know that they are not forgotten, not ignored, but recognized and valued as part of our oneness in Christ.*

***T****he Bell is sounded 3 times. Then the Rev. Len Fraser, Rector of the parish says*

Come in. Come into this Place,

**Which we make special by our presence.**

Come into this place,

**Where the ordinary is sanctified,**

**The Human is celebrated,**

**The compassionate is expected.**

Come into this place.

**Together we make it a Holy Place.**

**Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of Life in the presence of God.**

I was glad when they said unto me “Let us go into the house of the Lord”

**And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem.** (Psalm 122:2)

**Processional HYMN** CP 482

**1 Come and journey with a Saviour**

**who has called us from our birth,**

**who has washed us in the waters,**

**and who loved us on the earth.**

**Come and journey, come and journey**

**with a Saviour who has come.**

**We are all God's sons and daughters;**

**in the Spirit we are one.**

**2 Come and journey, journey inward,**

**come and seek him deep within,**

**where he meets us in our living,**

**in our striving and our sin.**

**Come and journey, come and journey**

**with a Saviour who has come.**

**We are all God's sons and daughters;**

**in the Spirit we are one.**

**3 Come and journey, journey outward,**

**telling others of his name**

**telling others of his glory**

**Of his cross and of the shame**

**4 Come and journey, journey outward,**

**where that cross calls us to care,**

**where injustice and where hunger**

**and the poor call us to share.**

**5 Come and journey, journey upward.**

**Sing his praises, offer prayer.**

**In the storm and in the stillness**

**find his presence everywhere.**

**6 Come and journey, journey onward;**

**all our gifts we now shall bring**

**to the building of a city**

**that is holy, Christ its King.**

Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday (*written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz*) *Bishop Andrews presides*

**O God, we give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A Reading from Acts (16:16-34)

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, ‘These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.’ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.’ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

**let the many coastlands be glad!**

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

**righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him,

**and consumes his adversaries on every side.**

His lightnings light up the world;

**the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

**before the Lord of all the earth.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;

**and all the peoples behold his glory.**

All worshippers of images are put to shame,

**those who make their boast in worthless idols;**

**all gods bow down before him.**

Zion hears and is glad,

**and the towns of Judah rejoice,**

**because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

**you are exalted far above all gods.**

The Lord loves those who hate evil;

**he guards the lives of his faithful;**

**he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous,

**and joy for the upright in heart.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

**and give thanks to his holy name!**

A Reading from Revelation (22:12-14,16-17, 20-21)

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN CP 472

**1 Let there be light,**

**let there be understanding,**

**let all the nations gather,**

**let them be face to face.**

**2 Open our lips,**

**open our minds to ponder,**

**open the door of concord**

**opening into grace.**

**3 Perish the sword,**

**perish the angry judgment,**

**perish the bombs and hunger,**

**perish the fight for gain.**

*Gospel acclamation Sung once before, and twice after the proclamation*

**Alleluia Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,**

**Alleluia Alleluia, give praise to God's name"**

Deacon: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:20-26)

**All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**4 Hallow our love,**

**hallow the deaths of martyrs,**

**hallow their holy freedom,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**5 Your kingdom come,**

**your Spirit turn to language,**

**your people speak together,**

**your Spirit never fade.**

**6 Let there be light,**

**open our hearts to wonder,**

**perish the way of terror,**

**hallow the world God made.**

Sermon: The Primate

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel,**

**the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your heart,**

**with all your soul,**

**with all your mind,**

**and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of the People

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you! (Psalm 122.6)

Let us pray to God, the Holy Spirit, saying;

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the Church here and everywhere. For

Fred our Primate; Melissa our Metropolitan; Barbara our Bishop; For all clergy and lay leaders throughout out Territory; for the parish in which we gather today, St. John the Divine; For those who have gone before us in faith, hope and love; for the Anglican Communion around the world and, particularly today, for the church in Jerusalem, for both Archbishop Suheil and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Ibrahim Azar and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and The Holy land, that all may proclaim your word of peace and reconciliation.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for justice and peace on earth. For leaders of this country of Canada and for leaders of all nations, particularly remembering today Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. May peace and harmony abundantly bless these achingly beautiful and historic places of your Creation, O God.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bring to those who lead Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities a spirit of cooperation and collaboration as this ancient and blessed city continues to be ‘holy’ for us all.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

Come, Holy Spirit, be with all those in need. We pray for victims of war and violence, for refugees and prisoners, for all who are afflicted or oppressed, that they may be held in your healing power. We pray for those who have died . . . that they may live eternally in God’s presence, and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

*As we pray together, silently or aloud,*

*Let us remember those known best to ourselves . . .*

*Let us name any special concerns . . .*

*Let us pray for each other . . .*

*And let us express not only our duties, but our delights . . .*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. **Amen**.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners

and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,

confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Presider Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN CP 576

*Today’s open offering will support the National Church/Canadian Companions of Jerusalem to strengthen directly the ministry on the Mount of Olives for children with disabilities called The Princess Basma Centre run by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Please be generous.*

**1 For the healing of the nations,**

**Lord, we pray with one accord,**

**for a just and equal sharing**

**of the things that earth affords.**

**To a life of love in action**

**help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2 Lead us forward into freedom,**

**from despair your world release,**

**that, redeemed from war and hatred,**

**all may come and go in peace.**

**Show us how through care and goodness**

**fear will die and hope increase.**

**3 All that kills abundant living,**

**let it from the earth be banned:**

**pride of status, race or schooling,**

**dogmas that obscure your plan.**

**In our common quest for justice**

**may we hallow brief life's span.**

**4 You, Creator God, have written**

**your great name on humankind;**

**for our growing in your likeness**

**bring the life of Christ to mind;**

**that by our response and service**

**earth its destiny may find.**

Prayer over the gifts *Bishop Irwin-Gibson celebrates*

**God Creator, Giver of Life, Bearer of Pain, Initiator of Love, you made the world and everything in it. You created the human race in your image and likeness, and gave us the earth for all to share. Break down the walls that separate us; bring your healing and reconciling presence amongst us, and amongst all peoples, and throughout all creation. Amen.**

Followed by a sung thanksgiving:

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,**

**Give thanks to the Holy One;**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

Eucharistic Prayer *by National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

W**e lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give you thanks and praise.**

Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the east to the south where the warm winds blow, from the west where the soft rains come and to the coldness of the north. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the love of your Holy Spirit he took on our humanity and was born of the Virgin Mary. Because of your everlasting love for us he obediently sacrificed himself to suffer “on the cross” to put an end to our death “and to proclaim the resurrection.” He fulfilled your love for us and reconciled us to you forever. Therefore, we raise our voices with all who have served you in every age, to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes , in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest**  (Land of Rest CP 719)

O Great Spirit, our Creator, from whom all holiness comes. We come before you again today. Just as in generations past like our grandfathers and grandmothers we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at all your creation. You, our Creator, the Great Spirit, who made all the heavens and Mother Earth, creator of all our relations, the moon, the stars and the sun; the Holy One who made all that lives on the face of the earth. You are kind, generous, loving and you give us life. For all of this we are grateful.

On the night he freely gave himself to death our Lord Jesu Christ took bread and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Creator God, Christ`s perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising Him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

We offer you this Holy and living bread, this life-saving cup. Look upon your people as we offer ourselves up to you in union with all the people whom you have joined together by your Holy Spirit. Let your spirit move among us and upon these gifts of Mother Earth and make them holy, so that it will become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Great Spirit, our Creator, let not our ears grow deaf to your voice, but open our ears to hear your voice in the wind. Let not our eyes grow dim, but open our eyes to see you in all creation. Let not our hearts grow cold but soften our hearts to grow bright and strong, to grow in love for you and all your creation. Bless our hands that we will always reach to others in love for you and all your creation. Bless us with wisdom to follow the right direction.

Remember our grandmothers and grandfathers and all our relations that have begun this heavenly journey in the hope of meeting you. Bring all our relations who have left us, together with you forever. Make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Virgin, with the apostles and all the grandmothers and grandfathers. May we join in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *is proclaimed in traditional language by Pastoral Elder Amy Charlie*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Deacon Margot Rose invites us to the table*

The gifts of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

Music during communion

**1 Fairest Lord Jesus!**

Ruler of all nature!

O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown!

2 Fair are the meadows

Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

3 Fair is the sunshine,

Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,

Than all the angels heav’n can boast!

4 All fairest beauty,

Heavenly and earthly,

Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;

None can be nearer, Fairer, or dearer,

Than Thou my Savior art to me.

**1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,**

like the challenge of her flight,

like the vigor of the wind's rush,

like the new flame's eager might:

Come Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's Body,

to the branches of the Vine,

to the Church in faith assembled,

to her midst as gift and sign:

come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,

with the ceaseless voice of prayer,

with the power of love and witness,

with the peace beyond compare:

come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;**

let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,

singing alleluia.

1 Yahweh's people dance for joy.

O come before the Lord.

And play for him on glad tambourines,

and let your trumpet sound.

2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;

your Savior now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy,

and filled your soul with song.

3 Glad my soul for I have seen

the glory of the Lord.

The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.

I know my Savior lives.

**1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;**

Deep in our hearts there is a common song;

Deep in our hearts there is a common story,

telling Creation that we are one.

2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;

Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;

Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,

justice and peace in harmony.

3 Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;

Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;

Deep in our hearts there is a common current,

flowing to freedom like a stream.

4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;

Deep in our hearts there is a common song;

Deep in our hearts there is a common story,

telling Creation that we are one.

Prayer after communion

**God of Hope, you continue to call us to work for Peace in our world, broken and wounded by injustice, violence, and indifference. Alone, we are overwhelmed by challenges but together, and inspired by your Spirit, we can prevail beyond dreams and imagination. In fear we lose hope, and feel the futility of our efforts. Instill in our hearts and minds the image of your suffering and compassionate love as a source of courage and strength.**

Affirmation Bishop Barbara Andrews

**As members of the present Assembly of The Territory of the People re-commit ourselves to walk together with all God’s people, journeying into a new creation, and trusting with faith and courage in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We love as Jesus loves, living with integrity and openness, and are committed stewards of God’s world. This is our solemn vow:**

Episcopal Blessing

May the gentleness of spring rains soften the tensions within us,

and the power of mighty rivers steady and strengthen us.

May the wisdom of the earth open us to mystery.

Let the whispering music of the forests delight us,

and the simplicity of the wildflowers captivate our hearts.

May our ever-creating God continue to bless us,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier of all, **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE cp

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,**

**praise the Lord with the harp and lute,**

**praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.**

**Praise the Lord in the field and forest,**

**praise the Lord in the city square,**

**praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.**

**Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,**

**praise the Lord in the dark of night,**

**praise the Lord in the rain or snow or**

**in the morning light.**

**Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,**

**praise the Lord on the highest hill,**

**praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.**

**Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,**

**praise the Lord with the pipe and string,**

**praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.**

**Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,**

**praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,**

**praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.**

**Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,**

**praise the Lord in the time of joy,**

**praise the Lord every moment,**

**nothing let your praise destroy.**

**Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,**

**praise the Lord in your work or play,**

**praise the Lord everywhere in every way!**

*The deacon dismisses the assembly*