

Wednesday | Morning Prayer June 24, 2020 | le 24 juin 2020

Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles,
it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. *Acts 13:26*

Mes frères, descendants d'Abraham et vous qui craignez Dieu,
c'est à vous que cette parole de salut a été envoyée. *Actes 13:26*

Welcome (announcements follow at bottom of the service)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Today's Morning Prayer is from Northumbria Community
<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>

Our Opening Hymn - John The Baptist - Jon Thurlow - 2:45 <https://youtu.be/hh21h7ik4sA>

1 Years of living in the desert crying out,
"Make way for One who's greater than me."
Now I'm here in prison, death is in my vision
Is it true that You're really He? And You say,
"Blind men see and cripples stand to their feet
Deaf men hear
The dead are raised, the poor receive good news
And blessed are those who are not offended at Me"

2 Many years of leading people to repentance
Soon the Kingdom really will come
Now my time is ending should I be expecting someone else
Or are you the One? You say,
"Blind men see and cripples stand to their feet
Deaf men hear
The dead are raised, the poor receive good news
And blessed are those who are not offended at Me"

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Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: *Who is it that you seek?*

Response: **We seek the Lord our God.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your heart?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your soul?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your mind?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your strength?*

Response: **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Today's Scripture Readings

ISAIAH 40:1-11 - God's People Are Comforted

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' ⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, or he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

ACTS 13:14-26

¹⁴And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.'

¹⁶So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who

fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. ²²When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." ²³Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." ²⁶My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Our Gospel Hymn - Savior's Shadow - Blake Shelton - <https://youtu.be/kbu8YnegTF4>

I'm standing in my Savior's shadow
He is watching over me
I feel the rain, I hear the thunder
As he cries for me
I'm standing in my Savior's shadow
Grace will lead to where I'm free
I take his hand, we walk together
And his light shines on me
Though the devil try to break me
My sweet Jesus won't forsake me
When I'm in my Savior's shadow
Where I'm supposed to be
I'm standing in my Savior's shadow
Following his footsteps there
Every mountain, every ocean
He hears my every prayer
Though the devil try to break me
My sweet Jesus won't forsake me
When I'm in my Savior's shadow
Where I'm supposed to be
Though the devil try to break me
My sweet Jesus won't forsake me
When I'm in my Savior's shadow
Where I'm supposed to be
When I'm in my Savior's shadow
I'm who I'm supposed to be

LUKE 1:57-80 - The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called

John.' ⁶¹They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' ⁶²Then *they began motioning to his father* to find out *what name* he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed.

⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah's Prophecy

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' ⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in *the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly* to Israel.

Sermon *Let Your Voice Cry Out! - Rev Brian Perron*

Today's Meditation

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. And I know that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road although I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always, for You are ever with me.

Thomas Merton

Prayers for others

**Heavenly Father, bless the work that is done, and the work that is to be.
Heavenly Father, bless the servant that I am, and the servant that I will be.**
Thou Lord and God of power, shield and sustain us this day.

The Lord's Prayer - Rejoicing in the presence of God, let us pray as Jesus taught

**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.**

Canticle

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

The peace of all peace be ours this day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Closing Hymn - Shout To The Lord - Hillsong Worship https://youtu.be/5_aIauL2xKA

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You
Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have In You
My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
You're my comfort (My comfort)
And my shelter (My shelter)
You're my tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You
Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have In You
Oh shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have In You

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Announcements

A notice from the Bishop's Office:

Please note that there is a spammer trying to impersonate a number of our clergy, including our Bishop Mary and Rev Brian. The emails resemble the following:

"I need help please help me and email me as soon as possible." Etc...

Never respond to email requests such as these, nor click on links within the email. Do not give any personal information nor donate to these requests. **Delete them**

Prayers for Andrew, our Organist,

Andrew is undergoing extensive tests for his breathing, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, of which he has much faith and gratitude for.

Process of reopening

Please note that Reopening Guidelines have been shared with Diocesan Council this week and have been sent to all clergy, wardens and treasurers.

At Diocesan Council, Bishop Mary announced that churches in the Diocese of Montreal *would not open before September 6th*. This will give clergy and corporations, along with the support and help of their parish councils, time to prepare and implement a re-opening plan that will conform to government, health department and diocesan guidelines. Please check the Covid-19 information page on the diocesan website for more information as it becomes available in the coming week.

<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/covid19-response>

HOW WE GOT HERE FROM THERE, a true story of dumb luck and love

A memoir written by retired Bishop Ken Genge. It's a fun book about the first 85 years of his journey. Second edition hot off the press & ready for mailing.

Cost: Book \$32.00 + mailing \$16.24 = total \$48.24

Order directly from our previous St-Barnabas priest; Klrlg@telus.net

Les Jardins Intérieurs

We are now broadcasting twice a week on the corporate TV Channel of Les Jardins: **Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm and Saturday mornings at 9:15am.**

Our Media sources

Please click, like and share our [Facebook](#) page, visit our St-Barnabas [website](#) and forward this service bulletin to friends.

Your Tithes and Offerings

We thank each and everyone one of you who have found a way that is comfortable for you to give. We understand these are new and different ways, and yet we are pleased to say that St-Barnabas has been able, because of you, to maintain itself financially during these difficult times. May you be blessed as you continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; by [e-Transfer](#) or St-Barnabas [CanadaHelps link](#), or through Canada Post to [95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7](#).

And this includes any donations to [PWRDF](#), in memory of [John Lee](#).

Your ongoing donations are critical at this time and remain completely confidential.

Regarding *discretion and confidentiality*, all donations and mail are received and opened only by our Church Treasurer, so complete confidentiality is assured.

Please be generous, more than ever now as our needs increase and bills continue to come into the church for payment. Remember your tithes and offerings are how you give to God; given to the church of your choice as one called to be good stewards with your offerings. The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we the Church reach out to our neighbours.

Speaking of Neighbours...

The ECS Food Bank operates out of St-Andrews Church is still operating but could use some help with donations of food distributed to the needy in St-Lambert and Ville Lemoyne. At the moment Anita and Reverend Barry are filling the needs as best they can with a few other helpers. As the buildings are closed at this time, they are not receiving food directly from our churches in St-Lambert. At your discretion and always with safety in mind first, here is how they would like you to help.

Here are items that they need:

(Not Costco sizes as many of the recipients are single and the majority are men, living alone and do not cook) canned vegetables

canned fruit/applesauce

peanut butter *(not large size)*

loaves of bread *(they can freeze them)*

canned meals

frozen meals (already to go)

They have volunteer drivers (who live under the same roof) and shoppers who go monthly, but the stores right now are not allowing stacking up of quantities, which is why they need extra assistance at this time. **If you can help, please call** the church at (450) 671-1862 or the Presbytery at (450) 923-0794 and leave a message.

Donations should be brought on Thursday and/or Friday between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to the side door of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (corner Green and Birch). It is the door that has a small porch (overhang). Please ring the bell, leave the food on the stoop and then social distance. Anita and/or Barry will retrieve the food. Each delivery of food to the recipients includes a pamphlet and card that Anita produced with a message saying that 'this food is being delivered by volunteers and is from our 5 ecumenical churches with love'. Please spread the word to our parishioners who are able to help. **Or donate (indicate ECS Food Bank)** in care of St-Barnabas [on-line](#) or via Canada Post.

For more information visit http://st-barnabaschurch.com/volunteers_always_welcomed

Stay connected

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we will send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts with your families, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we'll see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

Share your stories

Send us an email at barnabas@bellnet.ca of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

Keep in touch

So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Brian and Joyce

The Reverend Brian Perron
St-Barnabas St-Lambert

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A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,
signalling that I am God, your God. *Ezekiel 20 :20*



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