



VESPERS **on the Commemoration of** **Raphael, the Archangel**

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As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

Presider

It was only in the period between the Old and New Testaments that angels came to be given distinctive characteristics. Raphael appears as a major character in the apocryphal book of Tobit. In that story, among other things, Raphael heals Tobit of his blindness. The name “Raphael” means “God heals”, and Raphael has come to have important associations with the church’s ministry of healing.

*Source: **For All the Saints***

Anglican Church of New Zealand, Aotearoa and Polynesia

The Preparation

Presider

O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

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Presider or Cantor

All people that on earth do dwell, sing
to the Lord with cheerful voice, him serve with mirth,
his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed, with
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and
bless his name always, for it is seemly for to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good; his
mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times
firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

The Psalm

Psalm 147: 1 - 7

Psalmist

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

The Psalm Prayer

God of the universe, Lord of life, give us grace to see you in all your works, in all creatures, all people, and in our hearts, that we may faithfully serve you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Reading

John 5: 1 - 9a

Reader

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew “Beth-zatha”, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

(There will be an intentional period of silence for personal prayer prior to the bidding)

Presider

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world. responding to the bidding, God of Love, with **“Hear our prayer.”**

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Kapsabet, Anglican Church of Kenya, The Rt. Revd. Paul Korir. God of Love, **“Hear our prayer.”**

In the Lutheran/Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Rt. Revd. John Stephens, our own Diocese of New Westminster, and an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking. God of Love, **Hear our prayer.**

In our Diocese, we pray for St.Hilda, Sechelt, The Rev. Stephen Black. God of Love, **“Hear our prayer.”**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

Presider

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for all who engage in public and social ministries, those who serve in all levels of government, and all those who participated in the recent provincial elections. God of Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

Receive our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. **Amen.**

The Collect

Presider

Loving God,
in you is the well-spring of life
and the source of all wholeness;
may we who honour Raphael as your angel of healing
be empowered to strengthen, to uphold, and to make
whole, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Saviour.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so 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,
and 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 forever.**

Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon (or Presider)

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Presider

May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

Amen.