

7. Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

8. For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."

*Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the New Jerusalem.
Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts,
that they may render thanks to you without end
and may come to your eternal city, where you live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.*

Epistle 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

Gospel: John 20: 19-21

Sermon: *The Right Reverend Bruce H.W. Howe, Bishop of the Diocese of Huron*

The Apostles' Creed

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words,
to join in the recitation of the creed.*

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,

We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,

We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

We thank you, Lord

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,

We thank you, Lord

For the holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

We thank you, Lord

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,

We thank you, Lord

For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for St. Paul, our patron,

We thank you, Lord

After a period of silence, the litany is concluded with the following prayer.

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an
everlasting dwelling place for your majesty.

Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit
those who serve you here may always be kept
within your presence.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and ever. *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.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**