

**Sunday July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Order of Service**

Worship Leaders

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Welcome Team: Delores Thomas, John Hall, Peter Paterson

Prelude Interlude (T. Dubois)

Call to Worship

Leader Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leader God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leader God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Leader Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

People **Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.**

Prayer of Acknowledgement

Holy Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth that you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of those peoples who first occupied the land we are on: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabek Nation, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Métis Nation. Give us patient hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name: our Creator, your Son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Sentence

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. — John 6.68

Processional CP 348 The Living God Be Praised

1 The living God be praised! Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same;

the one eternal God ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought God's timeless years!

2 Without a form is God, nor can we comprehend
the measure of God's love for us without an end.
For God is Lord of all, creation speaks God's praise;
the human race and all that lives God's will obeys.

3 God's Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will;
in prophet's word God spoke of old and speaketh still.
Established is God's law and changeless it shall stand,
inscribed upon the human heart in every land.

4 Eternal life hath God implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
The living one be praised! Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God CP 365 Glory to God on High

1 Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

3 You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 29:15-28 Gloria Downey

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis:

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The word of the Lord. All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45c *Read antiphonally*

Leader Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

People **Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Leader Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People **Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.**

Leader Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

People **O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Leader He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world.

People **He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

Leader The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,
People **Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
Leader Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."
People **Hallelujah!**

Second Reading Romans 8:26-39 Doreen Kirwan

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 458 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness;
 and all these things shall be added unto you.
 Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
 knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
 Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-35, 44-53

Reader The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
Reader

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;
I will proclaim what has been hidden since the foundation."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

Reader The Gospel of Christ. *People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father.
 With the Father and the Son
 he is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic
 and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Cassandra Culpepper

- Leader* Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*
 God our shepherd, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is formed, governed, and sanctified. We pray for all those who are called to be leaders in your Church, both lay and ordained. We pray especially for Shane, our Primate; Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; and for Andrew, Riscylla, and Kevin, the bishops of our diocese. Grant them wisdom, patience, courage, and peace to fulfill the full depth and breadth of their calling in the service of your people. God of grace,
- People* **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* God our breath and our heartbeat,
 help us to recognize signs of your presence among us.
 Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms,
 from ranches to wild places. God of grace,
- People* **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* God our peace and our guide,
 help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity,
 and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,
- People* **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray for all those affected by the fires in northwest Ontario: those who have been evacuated, the first responders, and all

who are or have been in harm's way. We pray also for Lillian, Jean, Irva, Ray, A.J., Debbie, Lucas, Evelyn, Shahhin, Léandra, Avil, Kristie, Dan, Jason, K.T., Aileen, Julie, Lynette, Mona, Marcel, Keith, Dave, Br Reg, and Hazel P.; and we remember those who have died, especially Rock. God of grace,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God who seeks, finds, and saves,
for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation,
and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks.
God of grace,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness,
we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

All **Amen.**

Confession & 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

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

People exchange words and gestures of peace.

Celebrant Let us prepare to bring God's tithe and our offerings.

Offertory Hymn CP 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of grace,
accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** *Said*
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love

you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ

and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Said

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those in the Online Chapel

Musical Interlude

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of grace,
we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us,
bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn Go, My Children, with My Blessing (J. Vayda)

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing — you are my own.

2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Saviour, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Marcietta (T. Dubois)