



Parish of St. Laurence, Coquitlam
July 25, 2021 at 10 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

“People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child -- our own two eyes. All is a miracle.¹

Call to Worship

Presider O God, you summon the day to dawn,
 you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All **Great is your Name.**
 Great is your love.

Presider For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
 the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All **Great is your Name.**
 Great is your love,

Presider For the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
 the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy,

All **Great is your Name.**
 Great is your love.

Presider Your love and mercy shall last forever,
 fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All **Great is your Name.**
 Great is your love.

All **Amen.²**

Gathering Hymn - *When the Poor Ones*

1. When the poor ones, who have nothing,
still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God, here by our side,
walking our way.

2. When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God, here by our side,
walking our way.

3. When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
We see God, here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God, here by our side,
walking our way.

3. When the goodness poured from heaven fills our
dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God, here by our side,
walking our way.³

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

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

Collect of the Day

Presider God of true abundance,
in whom nothing is lost
and all are fed:
liberate us
from meagre rations
of scarce and grudging love
for which we must compete;
show us another kingdom
which stills our all-consuming fear
and fills us with new hope;
through Jesus Christ, the peace of creation.
Amen. ⁴

Proclamation of the Word

Reading - Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14

Fools tell themselves,
“There is no God.”
Their actions are corrupt,
none of them does good.

² The Lord looks down
to see if anyone is wise,
if anyone seeks God.

³ But all have turned away,
all are depraved.
No one does good,
not even one.

⁴ Are these evil-doers mad?
They eat up my people
like so much bread;
they never pray.

⁵ They should cringe in fear,
for God sits with the just.
⁶ You may mock the poor,
but the Lord keeps them safe.

⁷ If only a savior would come from Zion
to restore the people's fortunes!
Then Jacob would sing,
and Israel rejoice. ⁵

Gospel Reading

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.

All **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel - John 6: 1-21

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves,

and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Carla McGhie

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our strength and our salvation
**All receive our gifts, our lives and the offering of our joy.
Awake our souls and inspire us with your life.
Lead us on the path of wisdom and compassion. Amen.**

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to offer thanks and praise

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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, hosanna in the highest.⁶

Presider O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
**All hear us as we praise you, call us to your table,
grant us your life.**

Presider When the world was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child.
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
**All and full of compassion,
you granted the people your life.**

Presider You entered our lives and sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
All Amen.

Presider Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
All Amen.

Presider Trusting his presence in every time and place,
we proclaim Amen.
All Amen.

Presider O God, you are Breath:
All send your Spirit on this meal.

Presider O God, you are Bread:
All feed us with yourself.

Presider O God, you are Wine:
All warm our hearts and make us one.

Presider O God, you are Fire:
All transform us with hope.

Presider O God most majestic,
O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all
and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour,
life in you, now and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our saviour has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.**

The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept. The silence is broken with these words.

Presider Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Presider 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.

Closing Hymn - *More Than We Can Ask or Imagine*

1. More than we can ask or imagine,
more than we can ever dare to dream,
we are the children of heaven's creation
God's own beloved, each called by name.

**And we cry Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! Glory!
Glory to God! Glory we sing!**

2. More than we can ask or imagine,
more than we will ever understand,
we are sent to walk with compassion
to live out God's love by heart and by hand.

**And we cry Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory to God who presses us on!
Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory to God! Glory our song!**

3. More than we can ask or imagine,
more than we could ever desire,
out of dust God's building a kingdom
like wine from the press, like bread from the fire.

**And we cry Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory on earth! Glory on high!
Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! (*Glory!*) Glory! (*Glory!*)
Glory on earth! Glory on high!
Glory on earth! Glory on high! ⁷**

Announcements

The Sending Forth

Presider From where we are
 to where you need us,
All **Jesus, now lead on.**

Presider From the familiarity of what we know
 to the wonder of what you will reveal.
All **Jesus, now lead on.**

Presider To transform the fabric of this world
 until it resembles the shape of your kingdom.
All **Jesus, now lead on. Amen.⁸**

Dismissal

Presider Go to the world with a blessing on your lips and
 healing in your hands.
All **Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**



News and Notes

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*For more information on St. Laurence and upcoming activities
visit the parish website at www.saintlaurence.ca*



QUALITY FAIR

There will be an in-person
Quality Fair planning meeting
today, following the service.
Volunteers and enthusiasts
are heartily invited to attend!

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Logos

Why worry about the loaves and fishes?
If you say the right words, the wine expands.
If you say them with love
and the felt ferocity of that love
and the felt necessity of that love,
the fish explode into many.

Imagine him, speaking,
and don't worry about what is reality,
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.
If you were there, it was all those things.
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.

Eat, drink, be happy.
Accept the miracle.
Accept, too, each spoken word
spoken with love.

by Mary Oliver



Generous Hospitality

John 6:1-21

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