



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

A diverse and vibrant parish that glorifies God and welcomes all people

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

August 4th, 2021

Noon

GATHERING

Opening Responses

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

For the joy of human company, shared stories, friendly laughter and conversations that change us,

thanks be to God.

For a place that spans the ages and is home to all who gather,

thanks be to God.

For the wonder of life, and the decision of God to come among us,

thanks be to God.

Prayer

Gathering God, we give you thanks for the vision, adventure and passion that have brought us together in this place. Help us to be open today – grateful to meet Jesus in each other, happy to do a new thing, thankful for the space to be. Help us to be open to the possibilities it gives us for our life in community beyond this place. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING

Reading

Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-35

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites; from each of their ancestral tribes you shall send a man, every one a leader among them.'

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the Israelites in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, 'We came to the land to which you sent us; it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Yet the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large; and besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the land of the Negeb; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the sea, and along the Jordan.'

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.' Then the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we are.' So they brought to the Israelites an unfavourable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, 'The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. There we saw the Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim); and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.' Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night.

And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying: How long shall this wicked congregation complain against me? I have heard the complaints of the Israelites, which they complain against me. Say to them, 'As I live', says the Lord, 'I will do to you the very things I heard you say: your dead bodies shall fall in this very wilderness; and of all your number, included in the census, from twenty years old and upwards, who have complained against me, not one of you shall come into the land in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. But your little ones, who you said would become booty, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have despised. But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquity, forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.' I the Lord have spoken; surely I will do thus to all this wicked congregation gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:6-14, 21-23

We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

In Egypt they did not consider your marvellous works,
nor remember the abundance of your love;
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

But he saved them for his name's sake,
to make his power known.

He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up,
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

He saved them from the hand of those who hated them
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

The waters covered their oppressors,
not one of them was left.

Then they believed his words
and sang him songs of praise.

But they soon forgot his deeds
and did not wait for his counsel.

A craving seized them in the wilderness,
and they put God to the test in the desert.

They forgot God their saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer

her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Affirmation

We believe and trust in God

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope.

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of Concern

Let us pray.

Maker and Lover of all, in the mystery of your kindness you have bound us to each other, and called us to serve the earth and its people.

So hear us, as in this cathedral we pray for Bishop Shane and for all our diocesan parishes, that they may ever be centres of faith, hospitality and imagination, modelling the future rather than lamenting the past.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for the life in our bodies, we pray for those whose lives are diminished by ill health, depression, grief or rejection, asking for the healing, the affirming, the listening which will encourage and restore them. And we give thanks for those who have we have loved and see no longer, may their souls rest in peace.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Conscious of the peace of this place, we pray for those who have no peace because of war or the fear of war, or the threat of violence, or the grip of hunger, or the loss of hope. May the voice of the victims be heard and the work of peacemakers be blessed.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Surrounded by the rolling and tender beauty of the Ottawa Valley, we pray for the earth, especially where it is damaged by human carelessness and threatened by human greed; and ask that we may learn to care for your earth as you do.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We commit all our cares and concern to you, God, trusting in your compassionate love.
Amen.

Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

CELEBRATING

Invitation

As we bring God these gifts, be sure that God welcomes all that we can offer, and lovingly invites each one of us to this celebration.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfilment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our knowing, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living; for his compassion which changes our hearts; for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities; for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:
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.

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough. Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Silence.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'Take this and eat it. It is my body, given for you.'

Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

He who was with God in the beginning, is with us in this bread. He of whom the prophets spoke, now speak to us in this cup.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

With full hearts, we give you thanks and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
in which Christ comes to us with love from God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for gluten-free, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. The common cup has been deemed safe, but if you are uncomfortable taking the cup, receiving in one kind is full communion. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is strictly prohibited. Please proceed to the clergy, remove your mask, receive communion, and replace your mask before returning to your seat.

SENDING

Closing Prayer

In gratitude for this moment, this place, those around us, Christ among us,
we give ourselves to you, our God. Take us out to live as changed people because we have met the risen Christ and cannot be the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, sure, strong and kindly, be around you and within you, now and all the days and night of your journey home. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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