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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Thomas Anglican Church

Loving God, loving each other, loving our neighbours

**Pentecost 20B
October 10, 2021**

Celebration of the Eucharist



9:00 AM

The Book of Alternative Services

Celebrant: Father Allen Doerksen

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Psalm 100* *

Announcements

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.**

Opening Hymn: *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* CP 262

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
**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.**

Song of Praise: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* CP 310

The Collect

Creator of the fruitful earth,
**you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Job 23:1 – 9, 16 – 17 Nancy den Boesterd

Then Job answered:

'Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

O that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.

'If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us today.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 1 – 15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *

**and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?**

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *

by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *

they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *

scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *

they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *

let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *

and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *

and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *

like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;

all my bones are out of joint; *

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;

my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *

and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end, Amen.**

The Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12 – 16 Nancy den Boesterd

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to

sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Vs 1 – 2) CP 354*

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 17 – 31

Fr. Allen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or

fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Vs 3)* CP 354

Sermon: Fr. Allen

(Time of reflection)

Choir: **Thanksgiving Joy!**

(Words and music by Joseph M. Martin)

Affirmation of Faith – **The Apostles Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of the People – Norma Watson

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves, you know our needs, you know what we desire, and we trust that in the name of Jesus you perfect our prayers and hear us as we come before you today.

Lord, in your Mercy.....**Hear our Prayer**

We praise you, God, for your creative power, for your redemptive love, and for your sustaining presence in the world and in our lives. We thank you for a world rich with your blessings – rain to give life, changing seasons to enjoy, bodies that can move and embrace and heal, art and music to enrich us even more, communities and families in which to share your love. Holy Spirit, thank you for your work to renew us and to give us faith in Jesus Christ. We praise you for the way you enliven the church and include us in your mission to the world. Inspire us to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with everyone we meet. Thank you for the missionaries who lead us in this work and who allow us to experience the unity of your church around the world.

Lord, in your Mercy.....**Hear our Prayer.**

But, Lord, our hearts are troubled today as we cannot but not think immediately of and pray for all those suffering in the world due to the coronavirus pandemic. In these times of isolation when people are apart from loved ones, distant from friends and away from neighbours, reassure them we pray that there is nothing in all of creation, not even coronavirus that is able to separate them from your love. Love never fails, even in the darkest moments, love gives us hope. We pray for the world, and for all those who are affected by this pandemic, particularly those more vulnerable in poorer countries.

Lord in your Mercy.....**Hear our prayer**

Thank you for the work of all of the missionaries and agencies in this neighbourhood and around the globe. God of all nations, thank you for your Holy Spirit's power at work in the church around the world. On this day that some churches recognize as world communion Sunday, we are grateful to gather around your table in the unity of Jesus Christ. As we feast on your word and on the sacrament, give us joy in who we are as your gathered

people. Heal our divisions, and give us the mind that was in Christ Jesus, to empty himself and give to others.

Lord, in your Mercy.....**Hear our Prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick and you made time for those in need to come to you, and so we bring before you today those on our hearts who are in need – those who deal with illness of body or mind, those who are grieving a death or another kind of loss, those who are victims of abuse or trafficking, refugees. Hear our prayers, Lord, as we hold these people in our hearts and minds. We pray especially for Jennifer, Donna, Gordon, Ted and Irene, Will, Denise, Riny, Rodney, JD, Laura and Emmy, Rowland and Elena and those whose needs are known to you alone.

Lord, In your Mercy.....**Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *Thank You Lord*

Verse 1

I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord
For all You've given to me
For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord

Pre-Chorus

With a grateful heart. with a song of praise
With an outstretched arm. I will bless Your name

Chorus

Thank You, Lord
I just want to thank You, Lord
Thank You, Lord
I just want to thank You, Lord
(Thank You, Lord)

Verse 2

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord
You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Doxology

♪ Grant us, God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer unto thee.

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**



The Celebration of the Eucharist

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;
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.

♪**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,....

...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lord of all;....

...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.

♪**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

♪**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 Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Song (Choir to lead): *My Heart is Filled*

Verse 1

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

Verse 2

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

Verse 3

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

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Prayer after Communion

Source of all life,
**the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**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.**

The Blessing

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: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(Choir will lead)

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus

Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

Verse 4

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

Verse 5

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

Verse 6

For Thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely given
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven

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Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings for Sunday, Oct. 17, Pentecost 21B:

First Reading: Job 38: 1 – 7 (34 – 41) (Deb Edwards)

Psalm: 104: 1 – 9, 24, 35c

Second Reading: Hebrews: 5: 1 – 10

Gospel: Mark 10: 35 – 45 (Jan Guretzki)

Intercessor: Nancy den Boesterd

Announcements



Altar Flowers: If anyone would like to put flowers on the Altar for a special time or in memory of someone, please sign your name beside the appropriate date on the new sheet in the Narthex; let Jan know or email the office. The flowers can be purchased or brought in from your garden, whichever you would like to do.

Now that restrictions are lifting, please consider volunteering for reader, intercessions, greeter, server, Altar Guild.

We need help with all of these to make our service complete.



Weekly Webinar:

New time: Tuesday evenings at 4:30 pm, running through December 21, 2021. For registration, and Zoom instructions, see the website: Events section.

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