



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Holy Eucharist Service

St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church

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All Songs – CCLI #3172991

HOLY EUCHARIST - 10:00am

Celebrant – The Rev. Malcolm Kern

For freedom Christ has set us free. *Gal. 5.1*

The Gathering of the Community:

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.**

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.**

Opening Song: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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African American Spiritual

performed by Josh Turner

Chorus:

Swing low, sweet chariot

Coming for to carry me home

Swing low, sweet chariot

Coming for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan, what did I see

Coming for to carry me home

A band of angels a-coming after me

Coming for to carry me home [*Chorus*]

I'm sometimes up, and sometimes down

And sometimes I feel alone

But I know my soul is a heavenly bound

One day Jesus gonna carry me home [*Chorus*]

Well, if you get there before I do
Just make yourself at home
But tell all my friends I'm a-coming too
And tell 'em that it won't be long [*Chorusx2*]

Coming for to carry me home
Coming for to carry me home

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word of God –

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (2 Kings 2:1-14)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?

You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (*Gal. 5:1, 13-25*)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response: For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free

words: © Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

music: © Fr. J. Roel Lungay

performed by Elvis Somosot

"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.

We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new."

We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
He died for us, new life to give — and new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.

The Holy Gospel – *remain standing*

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(*Luke 9:51-62*)

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

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

The Sermon: (*all sit*)

Song of Reflection: No Longer Slaves

CCLI Song # 7030123

B. Johnson, J. Case, J. D. Helser

performed by I Am They

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

Chorus:

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my mother's womb You have chosen me
Your love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins [*Chorus*]

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God [*Repeat*]

The Affirmation of Faith:

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

All: 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 Intercession:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of others as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, let us offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.
(Short Silence)

Creator God, we pray for all who work for justice and solidarity, and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek for an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease and prejudice, poverty and hopelessness and will work to bring healing to the world. And we pray for all those working to bring humanitarian aid to survivors of the earthquake in Afghanistan and the war-ravaged areas of Ukraine. Bring Your strength to those who live on the margins and those who witness and tend to them. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Beckoning God, as you moved in the lives of Elijah and Elisha, move in the lives of your people, inviting us to journey to unknown territory, to listen for your voice, and to speak your prophetic word in a world that does not want to hear. Empowered by your Spirit, grant your Church the courage we need to journey, trust, listen, speak, and accept your commission to be your

faithful servant people. We pray this for the entire church around the world including particularly all the churches who gather together in Strathmore. In our worldwide Anglican Communion, we make the same prayer for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands, and for the Diocese of the Arctic. In our Diocese be especially gracious to our Archbishop, Greg, to our National Indigenous Bishop, Sidney, to the people of the parish St. Theodore, Taber and their priest, Erin Phillips and to the people of the parish of St. Luke, Red Deer and their priest, Noel Wygiera.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you continue to be the one who can cure the sick and raise the dead. Therefore we raise before you this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. We especially pray for those from our parish, community, families, and friends whose needs are known to us, lifting their names to you silently or aloud. *(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

O God, you set us free in Jesus Christ with a power greater than all that would keep us captive. Grant that we might live gracefully in our freedom without selfishness or arrogance, and through love become slaves to the freedom of the gospel for the sake of your reign. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution: 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)*

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 (*please stand*)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Preparing the Table: Make Me a Servant

Kelly Willard

CCLI Song # 33131

performed by Janice, Gene & Ali

Make me a servant

Humble and meek

Lord let me lift up those who are weak

And may the prayer of my heart always be

Make me a servant

Make me a servant

Make me a servant today

The Celebration of the Eucharist:

Prayer Over the Gifts:

God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. For this we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as

Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread:

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

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

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Reflection: Think About That

Steve Bell

performed by Steve Bell

Whoever loves God loves all that God loves.

Think about that.

Think about that. *[Repeat ad-lib]*

Prayer After Communion:

God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. This we ask in his name alone. **Amen.**

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.

Blessing and Announcements:

Song of Sending: Take My Life, and Let it be

words: Frances R. Havergal

music: Henri A. César Malan

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performed by Brian Doerksen and Vineyard Worship

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Ever, only, all for Thee.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Ever, only, all for Thee.

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Coffee after the Service

Weds.: 2:00 pm – Discernment meeting with Jason & Elizabeth
Gospel Based Discipleship – Galatians 2:1-10

Sunday: 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Service

Begin joint summer services with Strathmore United Church. July services will commence at 10:00 am and follow an Anglican liturgy. August services will commence at 10:30 am and follow a United Church liturgy. Services in both July and August will be conducted in the Strathmore United Church premises.

July 27 to

August 7 15th Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, UK
Prayer guides are available on the table. Treat July 27 as Day 1.