Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

10:00AM

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. Matthew 4:23

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SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy enter.

Prelude *Andante Sostenuto (from 'Symphony Gothique')* L. Vierne0

Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **Blue Book 486**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

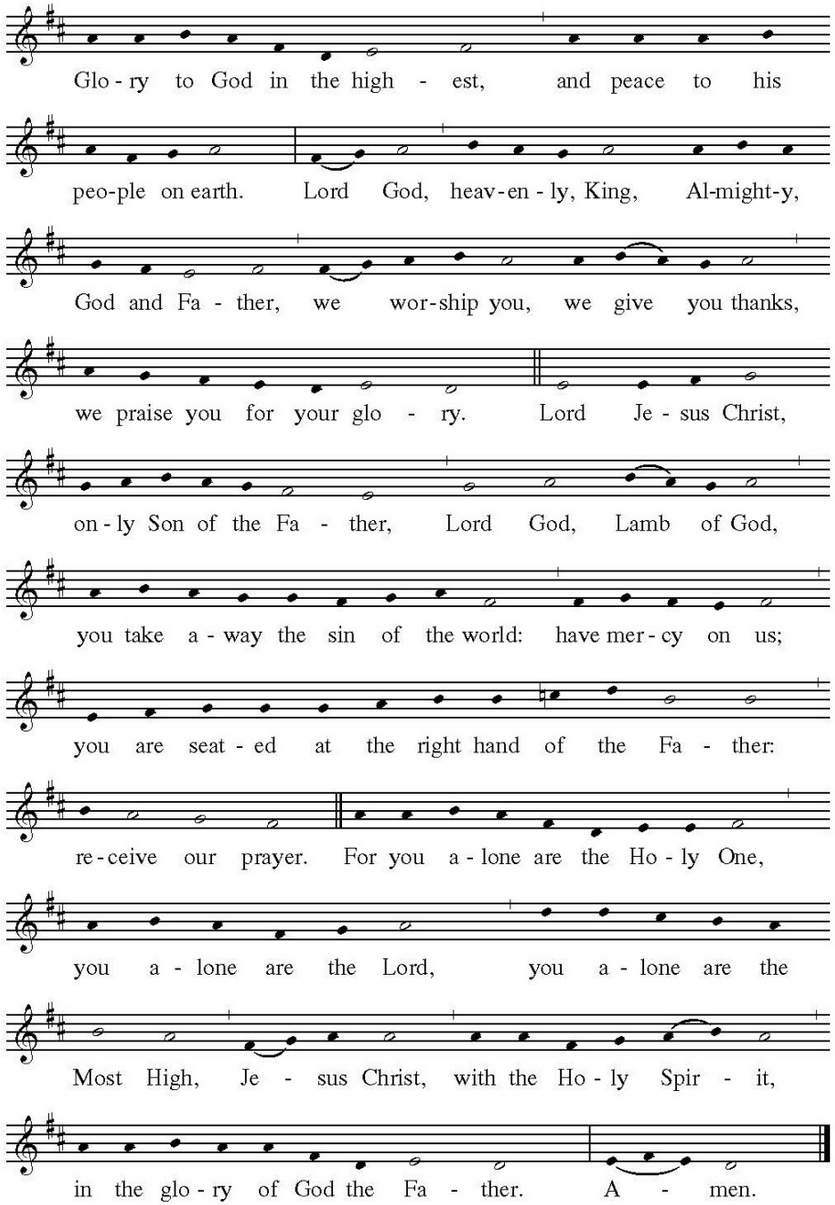
Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,

People **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.**

Gloria *(Please join in singing.)*



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The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD *Today's Readers: Susan Patterson, Suzanne Edmondson*
(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs:

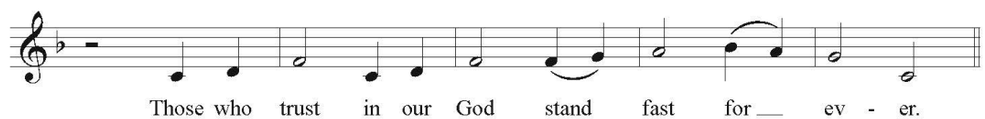
A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23*

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

Psalm *125* **Green Book p. 884-885**

(Please join in singing the Refrain.)

Refrain



A Reading from the Letter of James:

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor

you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

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

Sequence Hymn *You Call Us, Lord, to Be* **Blue Book 450**

Holy Gospel *Mark 7:24-37*

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Homily The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis *Please be seated*

Commissioning St Paul's Cathedral Pastoral Team

The presiding priest fills a water basin and says.

My siblings in Christ,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water God has created,
which will be sprinkled upon us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May God graciously renew us,
that we may remain faithful to the Spirit
whom we have received,

Holy Spirit,
you moved over the waters
at the dawn of creation.
Bless this water.
Jesus Christ,
our master and our friend,
calling us to follow you.

Bless this water
God our Maker,
thank you for the gift of life,
the chance to grow in your love.
Bless this water
Send your Holy Spirit to
enfold us all for new birth
in the family of your whole and holy church,
and raise us with Christ
to full and eternal life. **Amen**

The presiding priest addresses the congregation.

Dear friends,
in the mission of Jesus Christ
we are constantly brought together and sent out.
We are gathered by God's word and table,
and we are sent out to do God's work
of healing, justice, and peace.
Today that rhythm unfolds in our midst:

Sam has been called to the work of
Director of Pastoral Care & Senior Associate Priest,
Dawn has been called to the work of
Faith Formation Coordinator,
Marian has been called to the work of
Honorary Assistant Emeritus,
Pat continues in her call as Deacon,
And we are all called to live the
fullness of our baptismal ministry.
We stand together now
to commit ourselves to service.

Is it your will that Sam, Dawn Marian and Pat
fulfil these ministries?
People: **It is.**

The presiding priest addresses Sam, Dawn, Marian, Pat
Sam, Dawn Marian, and Pat
you have been called to these ministries at St Paul's.
Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work,
perform it with care, to the honour of God
and the benefit of the Church?
Pastoral Staff: We will.

The presiding priest addresses the congregation.
Will you uphold Sam, Dawn, Marian & Pat in their Ministries?
People: **We will.**

The congregation addresses the Rector
Will you support and uphold Sam, Dawn, Marian & Pat in their ministries?
Rector: I will.

We are one body with one mission,
United in both call and prayer.

Let us now offer prayer
for Sam, and Dawn, and Marian, and Pat
as well as all the baptized and for the tasks
we will share.

We bless you, O God, and we praise your name,
you anointed your own Son with the Holy Spirit
to preach good news to the poor,
to heal the broken-hearted,
and to comfort the sorrowful.
Look kindly on your servants
whom we send forth as a messengers
of salvation and peace.
Guide their steps, and with the power
of your grace strengthen them in spirit.
Make their words the echo of Christ's voice,
so those who hear them
may be drawn to his Gospel.
Through them may your Holy Spirit
touch the hearts of all they meet.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the same Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
People: **Amen.**

Sam, Dawn, Pat, Marian
Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”
Receive this light of Christ
to be his presence wherever
you exercise ministry.
Response: I will with God’s help.

The presiding priest addresses the congregation.

Let us recommit to our baptism

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Will you proclaim by word and example the good
news of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation
and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Eternal God,
in this old and sacred space
for generation after generation
Jesus has surprised people,
challenged presumptions,
embraced, inspired and encouraged.
We are here not to worship the past
and celebrate its dead heroes;
we are here to anticipate your future.
We are here not to remember
the good we have done,
but to prepare for what we might yet do
by making room for the Holy Spirit to reshape us.

So, make this time and this space
a holy gathering,
an arena of grace,
a touching place
where Christ can gather us for God.
In his name we pray.
Amen

During Sprinkling Rite

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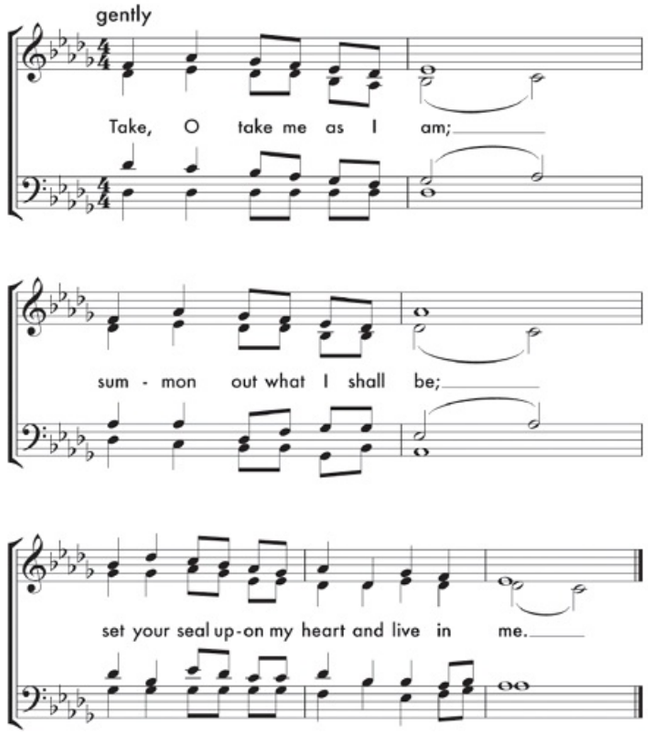
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Prayers of Intercession

Leader Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships *(local partners may be names).* Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict *(especially)* and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven.
Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Leader We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace *Please stand*

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

Offertory Hymn *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* **Blue Book 350**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: wonderfully you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Congregation to join in singing.)

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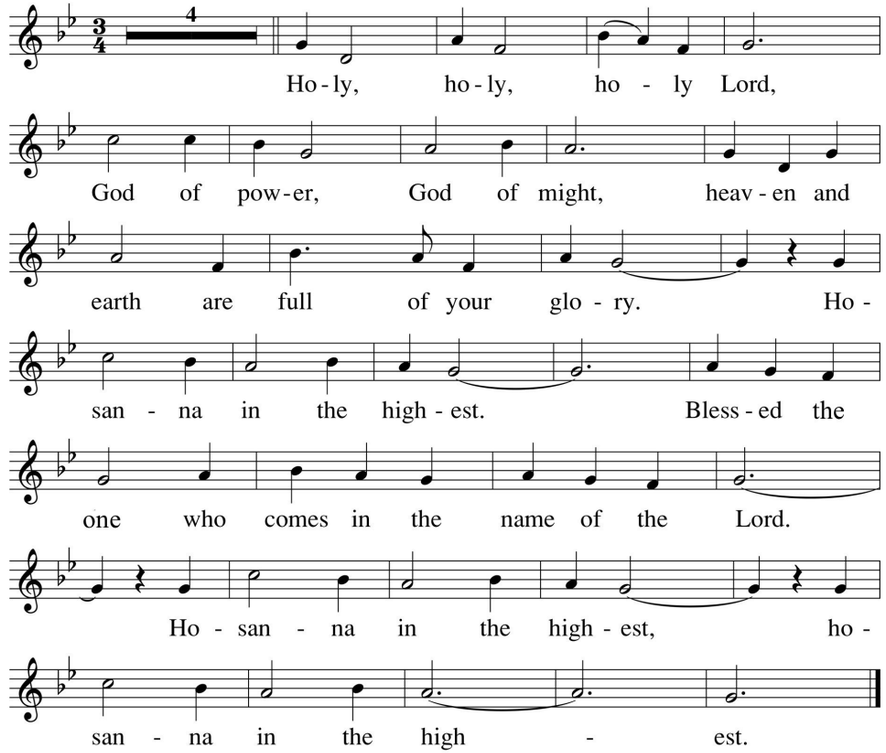
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Presider Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

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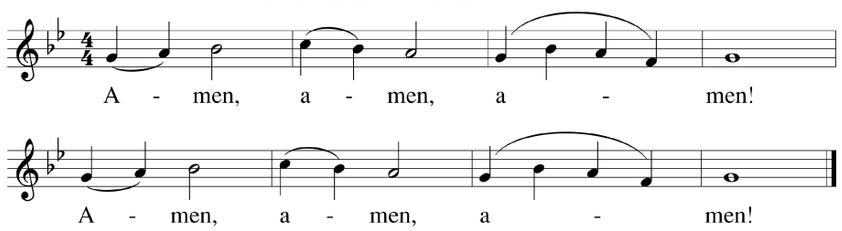

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Lord's Prayer

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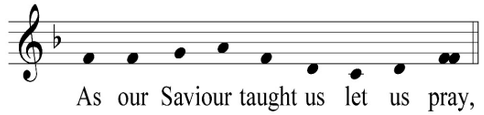

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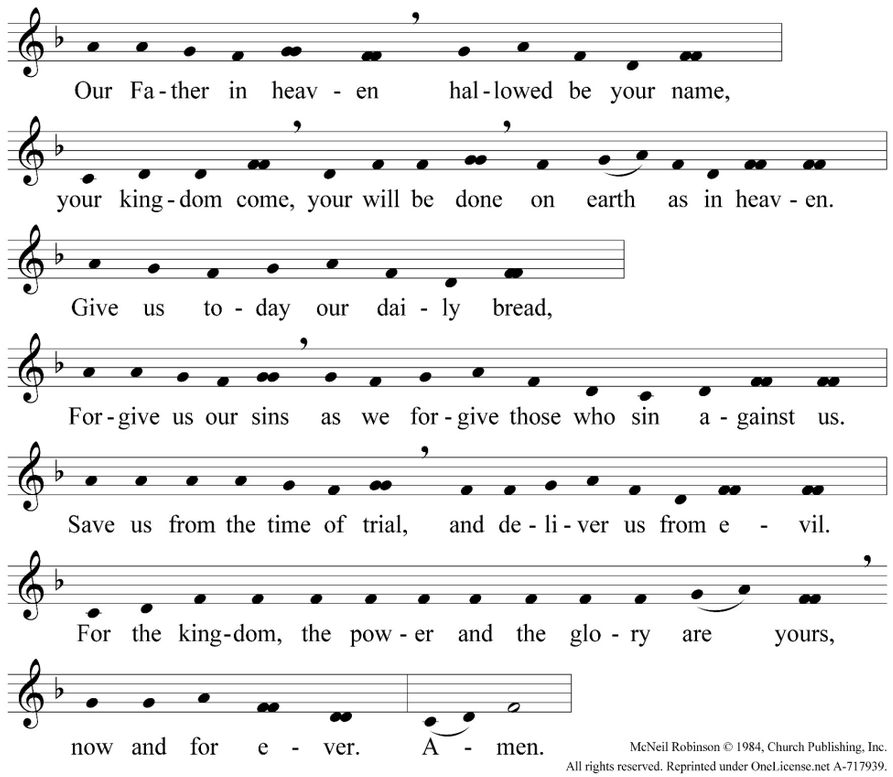
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The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All **Taste and see that the Lord is good;**
happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

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

Gluten-free communion wafers *are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.*

Communion Motets *O Lamb of God* John Ireland
Cantate Domino (Sing to the Lord) G. Pitoni

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Presider Let us pray.
Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
People **Amen.**

Doxology

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.**

Post Communion Hymn *At the Name of Jesus* **Blue Book 375**

Blessing and Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude *Imperial March, op. 32* Sir Edward Elgar

Please join us for a community BBQ on the lawn immediately following service. *Everyone is welcome!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers at the Chancel Steps are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William and Dorothy Papple, dear parents of Marilyn Papple, and Grand Parents of Crystal and Chantal.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of Rondeau Bay Transfiguration Partnership – Trinity, Blenheim; St., Paul's, Erieau; St. John-in-the-Woods, Aughrim; Christ Church, Dresden; St. Matthew's, Florence; and Church of the Advent, Ridgetown.

Intercessions – Ann & Ellis, Clifford, Barb, Margaret, Mary, Carrol, Keith, Doreen & family, Jim, Marion, Jennifer, Gerry, Kim, Mike, Bill, Christina, Kathy, Art, Phillips & Mitchell families, Sophia.

Music at Midday Series resumes on this Thursday, September 12th at 12:15pm. These free lunch hour concerts are presented in our Sanctuary, 30-40 minutes in length.
September 12: Norman Reintamm, organ; Aare Tammesalu, cello
September 19: Ian Sadler, organ
September 26: Kennedy Kimber-Johnson, organ

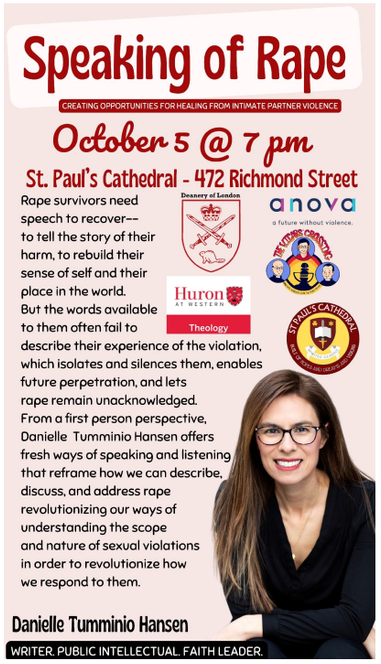
St. Paul's Cathedral Choir – A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join the Cathedral choir. Weekly Thursday evening rehearsals resume on September 5th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for the Sunday 10:00am Service. Please contact Ian Sadler if you are interested in joining: sadlermusic57@gmail.com.

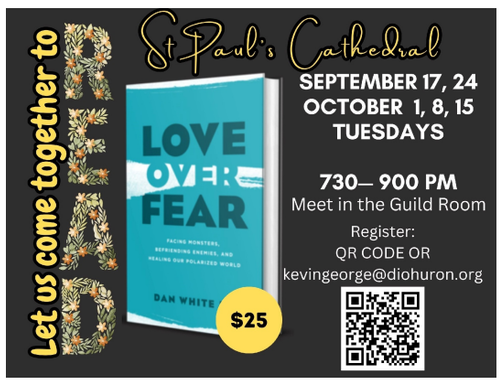
The ACW will be beginning the season by meeting this Wednesday, September 11th at 12:15pm for Eucharist in St. Aidan's Chapel. Following this we will meet in the Assembly Room for a pot luck luncheon followed by a meeting to make plans for our upcoming year. Please plan on attending this event. For further information please contact Gayle at 519-471-1851. All ladies of the church are invited to be part of this fun group. See you then! Cheers, Gayle.

Our Boutique Noel at our last bazaar was a rousing success. In order for us to meet or exceed last year, we will need your help. We need gently used seasonal clothing suitable for the Christmas season. This would include sweaters and party wear. We do have lots of jewelry but any special pieces would add to the festive spirit.
Any donations can be dropped off at the office during the week or given to Ann Tonkin or Florence Perkes at church on Sundays.

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**
Preacher – **The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis**
Gospeller and Intercessor – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Guest Organist – **Ian Sadler**
Lay Administrants – **Marsha Lemon, Bette Ferguson**
Greeters – **Johnson Donkok**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Wardens – **Gord Rolleston, Marsha Lemon**
Live Stream – **Christopher Sadler**
Sound Technician – **Daniel Aldcroft**
Bell Ringer – **Stephanie Allen**





Love Over Fear: Learning Together – Whether it's the news, social media, or well-intentioned friends, we're told daily to fear "others." We fear strangers, neighbors, the other side of the aisle, even those who parent differently. And when we're confronted with something that scares us, our brain sees only two options: Attack or Avoid.
But either way, polarization intensifies. What if you could defy your own instincts and choose a third option-scandalous, disruptive, unthinkable LOVE? Sure, we love people who are like us, who are easy to enjoy. Everyone does. But what about our enemies, the people we consider monsters? Loving them requires exceptional strength-strength only the Holy Spirit can provide.
Join us in discussing this book which calls us to do the difficult and healing way of love. These discussions will take place on Tuesdays from September 17 to October 15, in the Guild Room at St. Paul's. Books are $25, please email kevingeorge@diohuron.org to register.
About the author:
Dan White Jr co-planted Axiom, a faith community in Syracuse, NY with the compelling commitments of tight-knit community, locally-rooted presence, and life-forming discipleship. Dan is married to Tonya, dad to Daniel and Ari, and can be found enjoying conversations at Salt City Coffee.

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