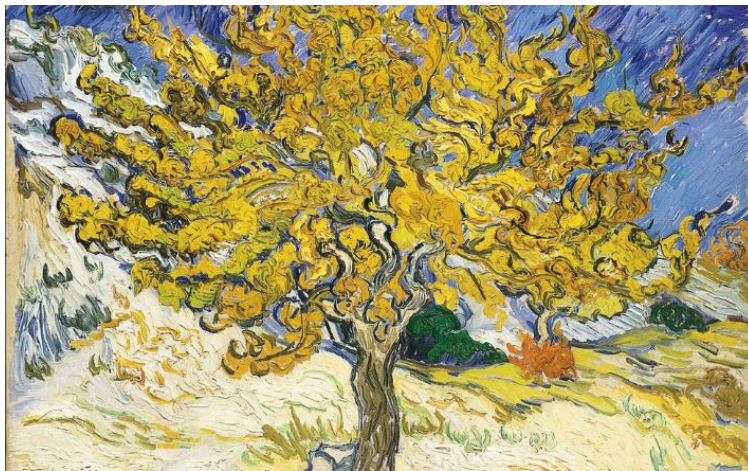


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THE HOLY EUCHARIST



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: In Green Pastures~Harold Darke

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

May we always seek to respect the histories, spiritualities and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

May we walk together the path of reconciliation and right relations.

Opening Hymn: 381 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia,

widely as his mercy flows.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**God, you weep with those who are oppressed,
with those who are uprooted from their homeland
and with those who are without shelter or security.
Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us,
so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayer (2002) alt.

Children go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6 (Jim Doherty)

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

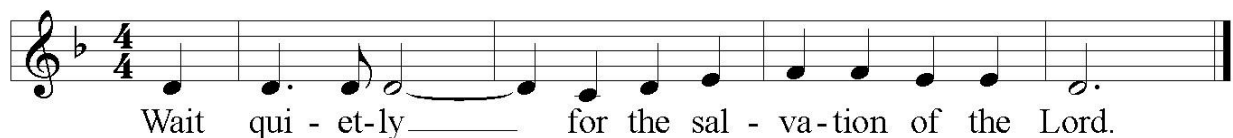
How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Lamentations 3:19-26

Setting: Gordon Johnston



1 The thought of my affliction · and my homelessness is wormwood · and gall! My soul continually · thinks of it and is bowed down with ·-in me.

2 But this I call to mind, and therefore · I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never · come to an end; they are new

every · morning; great is your · faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," · says my soul, "therefore · I will hope in him."

3 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that · seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the · Lord

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (Karen Gravelle)

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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Gradual Hymn: In Sacred Manner May We Walk (vs 1&2)

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1 In sacred manner may we walk
Upon the fair and loving earth,
In beauty move, in beauty love
The living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.

2 In sacred manner may we see
The luminous and loving stars,
With wonder and with awe behold
Their ever new creative pow'rs.
The heavens show us God.
The heavens show us God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you

have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: In Sacred Manner May We Walk (vs 5&6)

5 In sacred manner may we live
Among the wise and loving ones,
Sit humbly, as at sages' feet,
By four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.
The animals will teach.
The animals will teach.

6 In sacred manner may we walk
Upon the fair and loving earth,
In beauty move, in beauty love
The living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.

Sermon

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 (Sue Perry)

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: 353 My God How Endless is Your Love

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1 My God, how endless is your love!
Your gifts are every evening new,
and morning mercies from above
gently distil, like earthly dew.

2 You spread the curtains of the night,
great Guardian of my sleeping hours;
your sovereign Word restores the light,
and quickens all my drowsy powers.

3 I yield my powers to your command;
to you I consecrate my days:
perpetual blessings from your hand
demand perpetual songs of praise.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Our loving God,
we bring you these gifts of bread and wine,
nourishing signs of your faithful care for our needs
through the rich diversity and bounty of Earth.
Through these gifts, we offer you our true wealth:
our lives, our talents, our commitment to serve you
through our loving service to each other and to your Creation.
Transform our gifts and our energies into your
true Bread of Life for our world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the
power of your Holy Spirit where we live now and forever.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1)

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.
Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory singing:

**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.**

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
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.
Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Rejoicing in God’s new creation
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as 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,
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
and for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread #2

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Holy Communion

Gluten Free wafers are available

Communion Hymn: 540 Just As the Deer

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1 Just as the deer longs for the water brooks,
So longs my soul for you O Lord my God.
All that I am thirsts for the living spring
of your kind presence welling deep within.
Why now so full of heaviness my soul?
Why such disquiet deep within my heart?

2 Deep calls to deep in cataracts of thunder;

Your floods and rapids crash across my life.
My tears have been my food both day and night;
My God, why now have you forgotten me?
Why now so full of heaviness my soul?
Why such disquiet deep within my heart?

3 All through the day my God will comfort me,
And in the night my voice will raise God's song,
And I will go to worship in God's house.
God of my life, to you I raise my prayer,
And when I come in your presence Lord,
My barren soul will blossom with new life.

Anthem: If Ye Love Me - Tallis

Prayer after Communion

O God, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
so that more and more we will give you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Children's Talk

Announcements

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 529 God My Hope on You is Founded

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1 God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
call my heart to be your own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
Though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver
boundless gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where to go.
Here at hand, love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store

newborn worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises
praising for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Victor's Variations #2~Barrie Cabena

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider/Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

Greeter: Andrea Teekasingh

Reader/Intercessor: Babs Dunstan

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES)

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Server: Sean Doherty

Sidespersons: Eunice Clarke, Howard Foster

Readers: Jim Doherty, Karen Gravelle

Intercessor: Sue Perry

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