



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
Sunday, July 26th, 2026 – 10AM
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF EMANCIPATION SUNDAY
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Leigh Kern
Deacon: Pastor Elaine Vanderwerf

Those Assisting in our Worship Service

Readers: June Cooke/Raymond Cheong **Intercessor:** Raymond Cheong
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE SETTING: Mass of Christ our Saviour *Dan Schutte*

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF EMANCIPATION SUNDAY

♪ OPENING HYMN Down By the Riverside *Traditional Spiritual*

Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside, and ain't gonna study war no more

Refrain:

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside, and ain't gonna study war no more
[refrain]

Gonna try on my long white robe,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside;
gonna try on my long white robe, down by the riverside,
and ain't gonna study war no more
[refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We gather to remember,
All To remember the chains broken, the lives lost, and the strength found.

Leader We gather to honor freedom—God's sacred gift to all.
All Freedom hard-won, still pursued.

Leader Come, let us worship the God of justice,
All Who hears the cries of the oppressed and leads us into liberation.

♪ GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of good will
We praise You we bless You
We adore You we glorify You
We give You thanks for Your great glory
Lord God heavenly King
O God almighty Father
Lord Jesus Christ
Only Begotten Son
Lord God Lamb of God
Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world
Receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us
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, amen, amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR EMANCIPATION DAY

Gracious God, as we celebrate Emancipation Day, we remember the pain of slavery and the power of freedom. We give thanks for the courage of those who fought for liberation and the faith of those who endured. May we be inspired to work for justice wherever chains still bind. Let this worship stir us to holy action. In Christ's name, Amen. **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD TO US

FIRST READING: Genesis 29: 15-28

♪ PSALM 128

Psalm 128

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♩ = 92

G C G Em7 C

May the Lord bless you this day, May the Lord bless you al -

7 G D C D

ways. When you trust with ev' - ry step, and you love with ev' - ry

12 Em7 G C G

breath, May the Lord bless you this day.

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SECOND READING: Romans 8: 26-39

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia
Allelu, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia
Allelu, allelu, alleluia**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

TESTIMONY IN SONG

Introduction

Sheila Martin

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader Let us confess our faith, 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 THE PEOPLE

Intercessor "Hear us, O God."

All "As we accept the call to be bearers of peace."

Intercessor That those entrusted with authority in our nation may serve the common good and lead in a way that promotes healing in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, . . .

Hear us, O God,

All As we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor That the fullness of justice and compassion may be extended to the victims and families who have been subjected to violence, abuse, discrimination, murder, or the threat of the same,

Hear us, O God,

All As we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor That our communities and our schools may find ways to actively participate in efforts to eliminate violence, especially violence against Black and Brown people, so that this country may take the lead in fostering conditions for healing racial division,

Hear us, O God,

All As we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor That all who gather to mark this day of Emancipation be able to freely and peaceably, remember, reflect, and celebrate together,

Hear us, O God,

All As we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor That we may be courageous in living out the Gospel,

Hear us, O God,

All As we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.

All Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader 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.

Leader Most merciful God,

All We confess the ways we have been silent in the face of injustice. We lament the systems that still deny dignity and opportunity. We grieve the lives lost to racism, the dreams deferred, the wounds unhealed. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Empower us to be repairers of the breach, bearers of hope. Amen.

Leader 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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

♪ OFFERTORY HYMN Lift Every Voice and Sing

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson

MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies;

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way
That with tears has been watered;
We have come treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path we pray.
Lest, our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand,
True to our God true to our native land.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look
toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #1

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: children of God 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.

♪ SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader 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.

Leader 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 for ever.

All Amen.

♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

It's yours, it's yours
All yours, all yours
The kingdom the power
The glory are yours
It's yours, it's yours
All yours, all yours

Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD #3

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

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

THE COMMUNION

Leader The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

♪ AGNUS DEI

**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.**

♪ COMMUNION HYMNS #397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the one who break the darkness
with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons

with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

#606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement giv'n.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy, for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, who will you wander
From a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

Wade in the Water

African American Spiritual

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Look over yonder, what do I see? well
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Holy Ghost a-coming on me.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Leader 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.**

THE BLESSING

Go now in the power of the One who liberates. Walk in the footsteps of the saints who struggled for freedom. Love boldly, speak truth, and act justly. And may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit guide you from chains to change. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ CLOSING HYMN

Every Praise

Chorus

Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise every praise is to our God

Bridge

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is yes He is
(Yes He is yes He is)

Ending

Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise, every praise (repeat)
Every praise, every praise is to our God

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go forth in faith. Make no peace with oppression. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.