

August 16th, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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



SUNG EUCHARIST

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Please stand and sing our opening hymn

Opening Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
CP 355

*Geistliche Kirchengesänge
Köln, 1623*

I. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us sing:
6 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright bur-ning sun and gol-den beams,
11 pale sil-ver moon that gent-ly gleams, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
16 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 **Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
 O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
 alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 **All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
 alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
 alleluia, alleluia!**

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 In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

People From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.

Presider We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of God's earth.

People We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.

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.

Act of Praise

WOODLANDS
CP 362

Walter Greathorex
1877-1949

I. Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise;

5 Of Heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.

10 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,

14 Lord God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.

- 2 **Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Re-ceive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**
- 3 **Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)
Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

“Christian Education” – The children are invited to the Assembly Room for the church school.

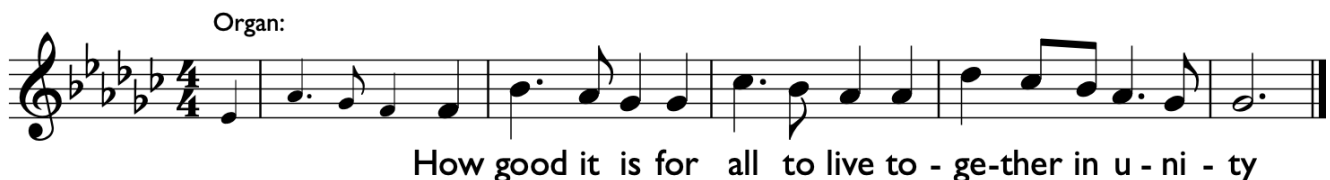
Please be seated

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. (*Genesis 45:1-15*)

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

Psalm 133

*Please remain seated for the Psalm **joining with singing of the refrain***



Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. **Refrain**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **Refrain**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Reader: Elyshia John

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. (Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32)

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel Matthew 15: 10-28

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees

took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Homily The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess 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

led by Tina George

Leader With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church those in need, and all of God's creation. *I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.*

(A brief silence.)

Leader For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
People **receive our prayer.**

Leader For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
People **receive our prayer.**

Leader For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
People **receive our prayer.**

Leader For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind especially for Marg, George, Leigh, Gwen, Marina, Ernest, Joan, David, Thomas, Alice, Roland, Beavie, Ewa. Merciful God,
People **receive our prayer.**

Leader For this congregation for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognized the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
People **receive our prayer.**

Leader For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death Merciful God,
People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please offer one another a sign of the peace before we all sing the hymn

We all sing the **Offertory Hymn** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;

6 There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than li - ber - ty.

11 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;

16 There is no place where earth's fai - lings have such kind-ly judge - ment given.

- 2 **For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our minds;
and the Heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**
- 3 **There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**
- 4 **(Second half of tune)
If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Simple tone

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you: And also with you.' The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '4'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '6'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Celebrant: **ALL SING:**

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

Celebrant: **ALL SING:**

Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: **ALL SING:**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying (singing):

We all sing the Sanctus:

Piano: All Sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might:
Hea - ven and earth are full, Full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All sing:

AMEN
CP 737

Franz Schubert
1797-1828



I. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant



Priest: As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray:

People

4
Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal-low-ed be your name, your king - dom come,
7
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.
9
For-give us our sins As we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.
11
Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.
13
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Agnus Dei

DEUTSCHE MESSE
CP 747

Franz Schubert
1797-1828

Organ:
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bea-rer of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dee - mer, re-
dee-mer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion

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

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

Communion Anthem

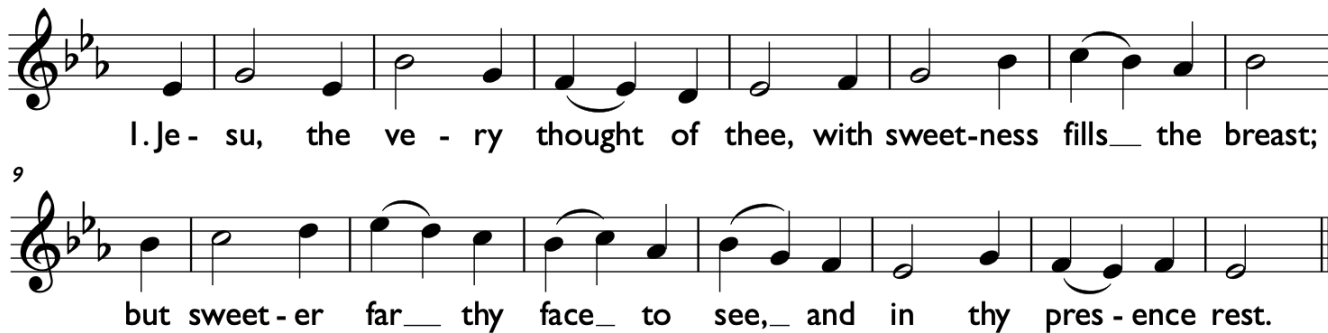
Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

We all sing the **Communion Hymn** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. BOTOLPH
CP 617

Gordon Slater
1896 - 1979



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first line of music ends with a double bar line, and the second line begins with a measure rest (marked with a '9' below the staff) before continuing the melody. The lyrics are: 'I. Je - su, the ve - ry thought of thee, with sweet-ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.'

- 2 **No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
the Saviour of us all.**
- 3 **O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek;
to those who ask, how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!**
- 4 **But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but his lovers know.**
- 5 **Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.**

Please stand

Prayer after Communion *(silence is kept)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **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.**

Closing Announcements and Blessing

We all sing the **Post Communion Hymn** Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS
CP 570

Sicilian Melody



I. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

5 let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace;

9 O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - elling through the wil - der - ness.

2 **Thanks we give and adoration
for the gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found.**

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Celebratio

Karl Jenkins (b. 1944)

Karl Jenkins is one of my favourite modern composers. He is Welsh, and has written several choral works that I simply could not live without. I have taught movements from his *Mass for Peace* (based on the medieval french song *l'Homme Armé*) to my Church choirs, and they love it. I happily admit that I drove for months with a CD of this Mass at quite a loud volume. It's on YouTube, easy to find should you wish for an enjoyable listen.

Coffee Hour

After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.
Youth Group meets in the Guild Room.

The Flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Allen, a dedicated St. Paul's bell ringer for twenty-five years, given by his daughter Stephanie Allen.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the parishes of St. John's-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend; St. Anne's Worshipping Community, Port Franks; St. Paul's, Palmerston; Regional Ministry of Hope; Trinity, Blyth; St. Paul's-Trinity, Wingham; and Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth.

Know your Cathedral tours – Thursdays @ 2pm

Our Guided Tours continue. Guests will gain a new perspective and get transported through history as our guides highlight the buildings unique architectural design, its rich heritage, its beautiful stained-glass windows, its proud military connection, and point out the exquisite embroidered linens, the labyrinth and icons throughout the church.

Please join our Tour Leader, Greg Childs, at the Great West Doors on August 20 for a Military History & General Tour.

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant – The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis
Preacher – The Venerable Sam Thomas
Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson
Guest Organist – Alison Gill
Servers – Clark Home, Victor Onebunne
Lay Administrants – Bette Ferguson, Gord Rolleston
Greeter – Greg Childs
Welcome Ministers – Lois Gosney, Allan Nagata
Live Stream – Olakunle Aoko
Bell Ringer – Murray Hunter
Warden – Yvonne Donlan



Can you help with our participation in Doors Open London?

Once again, St. Paul's Cathedral as has been selected to host Doors Open which will be held on September 19th and 20th, 2026. This year's theme for Doors Open London is: ***“Cheers to the Years. Celebrating 25 Years Together”***. We will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and 11:30 am to 4 pm on Sunday. If you would like to participate in some way, please contact **Deacon Pat Henderson** who is looking for volunteers. Thank you.

