



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Church Under the Tent
United/Presbyterian/Anglican Joint Services
August 16th, 2026

*"St. George's is a family of faith,
growing together through our service to
God and those beyond our doors as we
follow in the steps of Jesus Christ."*

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

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Officiant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

Community Announcements

Musical Prelude

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

(Down by the Salley Gardens)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Grace

Officiant: 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.**

Introductory Responses

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips

People: **and our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**

Officiant: In your resurrection, O Christ,

People: **let heaven and earth rejoice.
Alleluia!**

Music Credits:

You Walk Along Our Shoreline (Salley Gardens)
Irish Folk melody Arr. P. Kevern (c) 2000

We'll Sing in the Morning
Text: Ian Sowton (c) 1977
(Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto)
Tune: The Bells of St. Mary's A.E. Adams (c) 2009
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She Came to Jesus
Tune: Slane - Irish trad. Text: C.W. Gillette
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Officiant: Glory to the holy and undivided
Trinity, one God:
People: **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia!**

Invitatory Psalm: (Psalm 95.1-7)

Come, sing to the Holy One!
Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!
Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!
Raise our voices in joyful hymns!
Truly the Holy One is a great God,
supreme above all gods,
in whose hands are the ends of the earth
and the heights of all the mountains.
The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.
Come, worship and bow down;
kneel in the presence of our Creator.
Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,
whose people we are,
all in God's pasture.

Opening Hymn

We'll Sing in the Morning – CP # 37

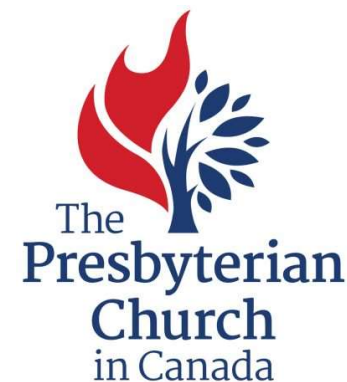
We'll sing in the morning a song of creation
Of Your breath that stirs up
the waters to birth;
And here at the fount
of Christ's mercy we join You,
Co-heirs of heaven and stewards
of Your gracious earth.

We'll sing in the noontime
a song of redemption:
How Naaman was cleansed
in the flow of Your grace:
How, when we were sick
in our sin You released us
To laugh in health and dance in love
before Your face.

We'll sing in the evening
a song of Your pastures,
Of rivers that gladden the City of God;
And when we arrive
on the bank of our Jordan
You'll help us through its cold by fords
Your saints have trod.



The United Church of Canada



The Anglican Church of Canada

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain

Chorus:
Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place
Chorus

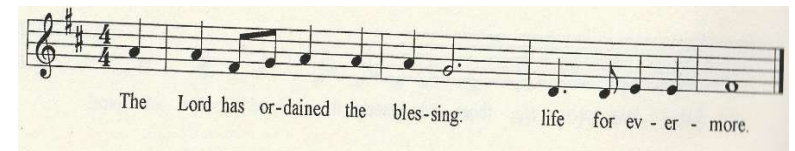
THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Diaconal Postulant

God of Mission and Renewal, may the faith that sustains us and the love that You have shared with us spill out beyond the walls of this sacred space. Equip and enable us to speak of our relationship with You to others and to invite them to "Come and See" for themselves. This we pray in the power of Your Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm



Refrain:
The Lord has ordained the blessing:
life forever more.

Officiant: Glory to God, Source of all being,
eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
People: **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Chapter 45, Verses 1-15
as read by Debby Weale
from Grace, United Church

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

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.

The Doxology (Tadman)

**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,
For ever and ever.
AMEN.**

The Benediction

Closing Hymn

There is a Redeemer

**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One**

***Chorus:*
Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Officiant

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. **AMEN.**

The Collect of the Day

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

Our Father in heaven,
**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

You must tell my father how greatly I am honored 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Responsory

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Church in Rome

Chapter 11, Verses 1-2a, 29-32

as read by Dianne Collins

from St. Paul’s, Presbyterian Church

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

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 also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God!

The Canticle

A Song of David (1 Chronicles 20.10b-13, 14b)

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever;
**for yours is the greatness, the power, the
glory, the splendour, and the majesty.**
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
**you are sovereign, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.**
Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.

Offertory Hymn

Cornerstone

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)**

Chorus

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

Chorus

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
- Faultless stand before the throne**

Diaconal Postulant

God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against
you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each
other, in ourselves, and in the world you
have created. We repent of the sins that
are present in our lives, the sins that we
have done, and the sins done on our
behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that
we may abide in your love and serve only
your will. Amen.**

Priest

May the God of love and power forgive you
and free you from your sins, heal and
strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise
you to new life in Jesus Christ.

ALL Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: May the peace of the Lord be always
with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Congregants are invited to share the sign of peace.

In your hand are power and might:

**yours it is to give power and strength
to all.**

And now we give you thanks, our God,

and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you,

and of your own have we given you.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be for ever. Amen.**

Gradual Hymn

She Came to Jesus

**She came to Jesus from outside the fold-
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free**

**Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated - then healed
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.**

The Gospel

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
According to Saint Matthew
(15. 21-28)**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.

You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.

In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:

Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

The Homily

by The Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

The Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*as lead by Michelle Hughes / Ruth McWhirter
from St. George's Church*

The Litany

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment
and peace.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-
giving Spirit.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

The Confession and Absolution

Diaconal Postulant

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbour.

A moment of silence is observed.