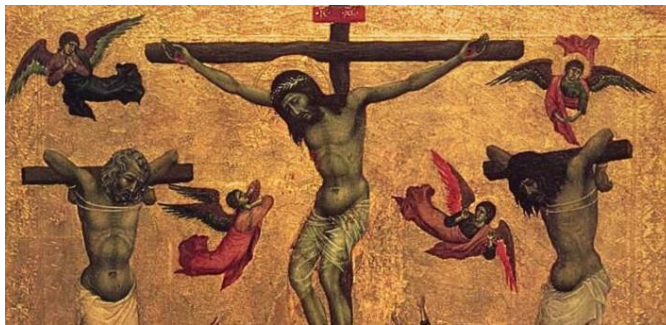


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THE HOLY EUCHARIST



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

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: 398 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind (vs. 1,2,5)

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1 Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Who with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

5 Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

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.**

Glory to God

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Leader: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Leader: To God be glory forever!

All: To God be glory forever!

Leader: Alleluia! Amen!

All: Alleluia! Amen! (x7)

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us:
grant us a bold and faithful spirit,
so that, in your strength,
we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (Andrea Allevato)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

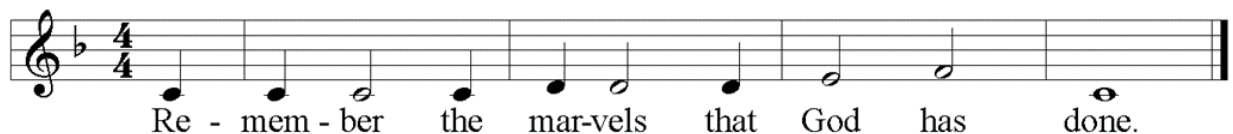
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Setting: Gordon Johnston



1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works. **R**

3 Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice
4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face. **R**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen. **R**

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45c Hallelujah! **R**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up

their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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: (Andrea Allevato)

Gracious God, in Your love,
hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this 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: 572 Let There Be Light (vs. 1-4,6)

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1 Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

2 open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord opening in to grace.

3 perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

4 hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

6 let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

May God be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you.
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**(Hymn 732) Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and 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 who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is 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,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
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

**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

For gluten-free wafer, simply indicate to the priest when you come forward.

If you prefer a blessing, just fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn: 67 God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living

Text Shirley Erena Murray, Music American trad.; coll. Annabel Morris Buchanan

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1 God of all time, all seasons of our living,
source of our spark, protector of our flame,
blazing before our birth, beyond our dying,
God of all time, we come to sing your name.

2 Here in this place, where others have been building,
we come to claim the legacy of faith,
take, in our turn, the telling of your story,
and, though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.

3 Spirit who draws our fragile selves together,
Spirit who turns a stranger to a friend,
be at this table where we greet each other,
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.

4 Let us not die from poverty of caring,
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.
Come, break us open to receive your healing:
your broken body be our wine and bread.

Anthem: God Be in My Head ~ John Rutter

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

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 (vs. 1&5)

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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.

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 in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

~~ Everyone is invited to stay for Lemonade on the Lawn after Service ~~

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider/Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

Greeter: Marilyn Tough

Reader/Intercessor: Pamela Obegu

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

Presider/Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

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