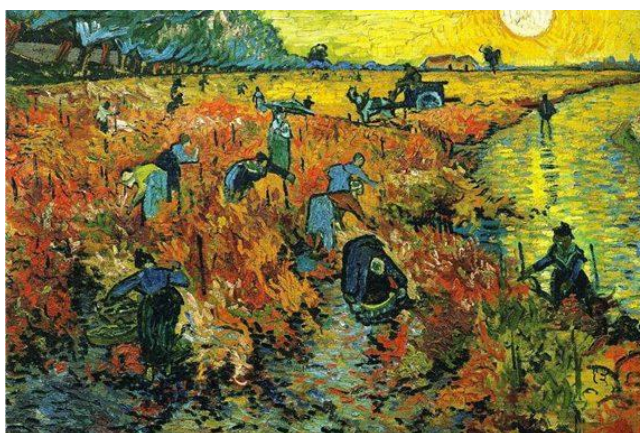


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THE HOLY EUCHARIST



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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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: 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

All ye who hear,

brothers and sisters draw near,

praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:

hast thou not seen

how thy entreaties have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

Ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,

if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

5 Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

6 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

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 (Hymn 702)

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Refrain:



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

2 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. **R**

3 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. **R x2**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 (Andrea Allevato)

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

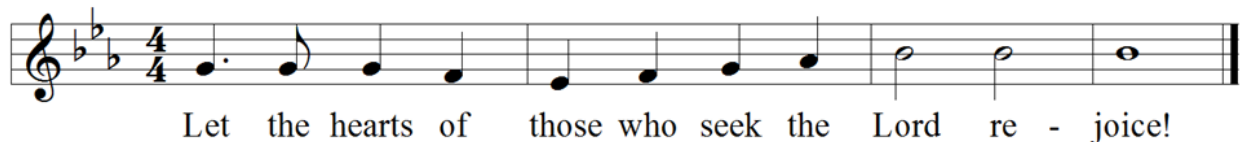
Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall

have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Psalm: 105:1-6, 37-45

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.

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.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them. **R**

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places. **R**

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah! **R**

Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30 (Els Salisbury)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but

of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Gospel Acclamation: 405 Alleluia No. 1 (vs. 2)

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Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and is risen.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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.

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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: (Sue Perry)

We pray to God our Creator, saying,
Source of life, 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: 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (ELCIC Eucharistic Prayer #8)

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,

you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining 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.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all
the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
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: 450 You Call Us Lord to Be

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1 You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

2 You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

3 You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place
of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

4 You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

Anthem: What Brings Us Together ~ Jay Althouse

Prayer after Communion

Ruler of the universe,
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same 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: 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

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1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page;
our forebears knew your goodness,
and we their deeds record,

and both of this bear witness,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

2 Your heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest as to least;
They bade them rise, and hasten
To share the royal feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

3 When shadows, thickly falling,
Engulfed the world in night,
You summoned forth your servants,
Your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
And this was still their message:
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

4 And we, shall we be faithless,
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
And cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
Some better gift is stored:
The covenant of promise –
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

5 Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won,
and then by earth and heaven

your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Pasticcio (*excerpt*) ~ Jean Langlais

~ Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship Hour in the Trinity Room after Service ~

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

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Greeter: Marilyn Tough

Reader/Intercessor: Andrea Teekasingh

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

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