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The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, from Das Plenarium
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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost **September 20, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Ven. Canon Judy Walton
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard
Guest Cantor: Chadd Yaniw
Reader: Toni Bothwell
Greeter: Garry Minielly



Our Land Acknowledgement

We are meeting on the traditional lands and treaty territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, which includes the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation. We also recognize the Métis whose ancestors shared this land and these waters. We extend our gratitude to all Anishinaabe and Métis peoples and their descendants, past, present and future, who continue to care for and inhabit these lands and tend these waters.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit
in all its relationships.

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Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude: For the Beauty of the Earth, Come Down, O Love Divine,

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here
blue hymn book

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.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

All: 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.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)

(#702 blue hymn book)

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

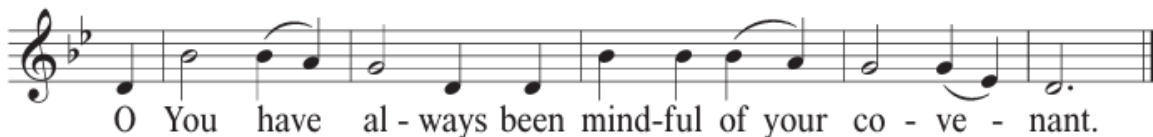
Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.



- (1) Give thanks to our God and call upon the holy Name;
- (2) make known God's deeds among the peoples.
- (3) Sing to God, sing praises to the Holy One,
- (4) and speak of all God's marvellous works. **R.**

- (1) Glory in the holy Name;
- (2) let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
- (3) Let us search for you and your strength, Ö God,
- (4) Let us continually seek your face. **R.**

- (1) Let us remember the marvels you have done,
- (2) your wonders and the judgements of your mouth,
- (3) O offspring of Abraham yöur servant,
- (4) O children of Jacob your chosen. **R.**

- (1) You let out your people with silver and gold;
- (2) in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- (3) Egypt was glad of their going,
- (4) because you were afraid of them. **R.**

(1) You spread out a cloud for a covering
(2) and a fire to give light in the night season.
(3) They asked, and quails appeared,
(4) and you satisfied them with bread from heaven **R.**

(1) You opened the rock, and water flowed,
(2) so the river ran in the dry places.
(3) For you, O God, remembered your holy word
(4) and Abraham your servant. **R.**

(1) So you led forth your people with gladness,
(2) your chosen people with shouts of joy.
(1) You gave your people the lands of the nations,
(2) and they took the fruit of others' toil,
(3) That they might keep your statutes and observe your laws.
(4) Hallelujah! **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)
repeated by congregation, until procession stops

190 Alleluia



Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)

repeated by congregation, until procession stops

Please be seated.

HOMILY

It's a Good Thing There Weren't Unions

The Ven. Canon Judy Walton

Archdeacon Emeritus

Please stand, as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Lay Reader: 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.

Anthem As the Wind Song through the Trees - #157, Sing a New Creation
Please sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Howard

Lay Reader

Please stand, if you're able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: 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.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Presider: 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 as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: #414 God of the Sparrow

blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 5– BAS page 204

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for your life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: You created us to love you with all our heart,
.....
Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - sung

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #212 *Sing a New Creation*

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Sit, stand or kneel, as you're able.

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Presider: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
.....
you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
.....
Do this in memory of me.”

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
.....
and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants, fill us with the courage
.....
We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) #684 blue hymn book

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 (FRACTION RITE) sung
Lamb Of 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.

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free hosts are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN #57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

blue hymn book

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY

All: **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.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #617 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

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This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Trinity, Watford; St. John the Divine, Arva; Church of the Ascension, London; St. Mark's, London.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Sylvia Eaton, Frank & Linda Emptage, Bev Evans and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bev, Carole, Charlie, Dave, Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

The Souls of the Departed: Carl, Patricia

Our Prayer List. Please let the priest or wardens know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.



Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Garry's sister, Gayle Robbins, a gift of Garry and Deanie Minielly.



If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 27, 2026, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The readings are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our thanks to Chadd Yaniw for offering his voice and musical talent.

Today, following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall (or outside under the canopy, weather permitting).

TODAY, AT 4PM, join us for a Hymn Sing, with guest, Chadd Yaniw and our Ashton Dunk. Suggest your favourite hymn – a fundraiser for the Bell Tower renovations.

Next Sunday, join us for Coffee Time (make your coffee count!) in support of the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce. Immediately following the service, September 27th. *Make a difference, one cup at a time!*

The Free Community Breakfast has started up again on Mondays from 8:30 to 10am. It's free but we will gladly accept donations, if you're able.

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For Pastoral Care, (urgent matters) please contact the Ven. Canon Judy Walton at revjudy@rogers.com or 705-444-0233.

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