



Welcome to St. George's

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

11:00 AM FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.
2 John 13:34

Visitors and Newcomers – We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Welcome to our church family!

Rector	The Rev. Canon Ralph T. Blackman
Director of Music	Gerry Manning
Soloist	Paula Turnbull
Reader	Paul Deacon

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the 2 rivers. At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of New Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Readings for Next Week

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of South America
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishop Susan and the people of St. Paul's Church, Shelburne
- **St. George's** – parents, educators and support personnel as children and students return to return to daycares, schools, colleges and universities

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

Presider O God, open our lips,

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Presider The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

(silence is kept)

All As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect for the Day

All God of love, you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand. Deliver us from our captivity of self-interest and our indifference to the gifts of others, so that we may be ready to love as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14:1-12

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 391 *Sing Ye Praises to the Father*

Arfon Major

Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,
sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.

God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true;
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,
praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,
praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord.
living God, sustaining Spirit – by thy holy name adored!

Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Rev. Canon Ralph Blackman
(followed by silence for reflection)

Solo *Sing Ye a Joyful Song (Psalm 98)*

Antonin Dvorak

Prayers of the People

The Peace *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

All **Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider 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:

All **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.**

Presider 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. 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 Jesus 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.

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

Presider 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. Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

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 **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Presider Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

(The following prayer is said by all. During this prayer the elements may be elevated, in offering to the people.)

Presider We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,

All **we welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, our minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.**

Communion

Music for Spiritual Reflection

Prayer of Reception

(We invite you to make an act of spiritual communion by reciting the following prayer at home during the musical offering.)

Come, Lord Jesus, and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine, I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O God,
All And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn 433 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Abbot's Leigh

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,
All 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.

Sending Forth

Presider May the Bringer of Light bless you,
may the bright Son of Mary bless you,
and may the Light of Christ dwell in you.
In all you do, and in all that you may become,
may the Way of Christ be the path you tread
and the kingdom of heaven be your home.
And the blessing of our God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day and for ever.
All Amen.

Organ Postlude

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