



Welcome to St. George's
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2020

11:00 AM FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICE

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

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	Chad Morey
Reader	Kate Henderson
Greeter	Paige Keller

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 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishop Susan and the people of St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby
- **St. George's** – our Council, Corporation and leadership team as they work to organize a safe return to in-person Sunday services

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Gathering Music Voluntary on *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

Steven Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Hymn 402 *Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace*

Confitemini

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

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 deep compassion, you welcome the weak and free us from the bondage of sin. Break the cycle of judgement and violence through Jesus our forgiveness, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Reader 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. *Philippians 1:21–30*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 259 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Ar Hyd Y Nos

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 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."

Matthew 20:1-16

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Solo *Come, Touch Our Hearts*

Gordon Light, arr. Andrew Donaldson

Prayers of the People

The Peace *St. Columba*

Healey Willan

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

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

Choral Blessing *A Scottish Blessing* (St. George's Choir)

Kevin Coe

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us; so be quick to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you forever.

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 Voluntary on *Engelberg*

Dale Wood

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