



HOLY EUCCHARIST

For the Tenth
Sunday after
Pentecost

August 14, 2022
10:00 am

St. John's
Anglican Church
West Toronto

As we gather as a community

Those worshipping at home may wish to create a sacred space by lighting a candle.

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Today's Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49—56, NRSV

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

Please stand as you are able.

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN**We Look to You, O Jesus****Tune: CP 205**

We look to you, O Jesus
— in faith, our Pioneer —
For you have gone before us
and brought your people here.
You showed us all God's kingdom,
you gave us work to do;
In death you went before us;
for life, we turn to you.

Through times of strife and anguish,
through times of joy and grace,
Through conflicts with our culture,
you've brought us to this place;
And still your world is changing,
and still we seek to be
A church reformed, reforming
in faithful ministry.

Perfecter of the faith, Lord,
we look to you each day;
We work for peace and justice,
we worship, learn and pray —
And witnesses surround us,
a host of saints above,
As we continue sharing
the joy of your great love.

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Music: Melody Gesangbuch, Württemberg, 1784*

OPENING PRAYERS

Celebrant: The grace of Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you**

Celebrant: 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 Saviour. Amen.

TRISAGION

CP 688

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy on us.**

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holy immortal one,
have mercy on us.**

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holy immortal one,
have mercy on us.**

*Music: New Plainsong; David Hurd
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COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

A reading from the Hebrew testament and the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the God of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are God's cherished garden;
God expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

PAUSE

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalm is printed in your bulletin let us read it responsively.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; preserve what your strong hand has planted.

They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the one at your side in honour, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from Paul's letter to Church in Jerusalem.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

PAUSE

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GRADUAL

CP 715 (Chorus)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

[May repeat]

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THE GOSPEL

Gospeller: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus said, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

PAUSE

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

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SERMON

Please be seated for the sermon.

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: I invite you now, as you are able, to join in confessing the faith of our baptism, as we say,

Celebrant: I believe in God Almighty,

**All: creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour.
He was conceived by 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 God.
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

Intercessor: Gracious God,

All: Hear our prayers.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 the Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

We take a moment to share the peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

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You are invited to come forward following the offering and remain around the altar until you have received Communion.

HYMN

Fight the Good Fight with All Your Might

CP 503

Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek God's face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

*Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell
Music: William Boyd
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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, CP 689
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

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

THE SAVIOUR'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers. For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen and Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to 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.**

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COMMUNION

Anyone who is a baptized Christian, from any denomination, is welcome to receive Communion.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion at this time are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you wish to be blessed.

Gluten free hosts are available. Please let us know if you require one.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those who wish to do so are invited to make their Spiritual Communion.
You may use the following prayers.*

In union, O God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen

Come, Jesus, dwell in me in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your Spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of God. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

HYMN**How Blessed Are All the Saints****CP 277**

How blessed are all the saints, our God,
Who having crossed the troubled sea,
Have gained the harbour of your peace
And rest in your tranquility.

Watch over us who voyage still,
With risk and danger yet to face;
Remember all beset by storms
And hold them in your steadfast grace.

Our vessel's frail, the ocean wide;
But your love steers, and we aspire
To gain the peaceful shore at last,
The haven of our heart's desire.

Then we shall praise you endlessly,
Great God, to whom all praise is due;
As you have made us for yourself,
Our hearts must find their rest in you.

*Words: Augustine of Hippo (354-430); tr. Alan Gaunt. Tr. © 1991 Stainer & Bell Ltd.
Music: Melody and Bass Orlando Gibbons, alt. harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.*

HYMN**Ubi Caritas et Amor****CP 553**

*Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you

*Text: 1 John 4.16b; Eng. para. Taizé Community (France)
Music: Jacques Berthier
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PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we
who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of
your promised reign, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

CP 672

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known.

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

HYMN

Guide My Feet

CP 513

Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my God!)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my God!)

Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand...

Stand by me...

I'm your child...

Search my heart...

Guide my feet ...

Text: African-American spiritual

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go with grateful hearts to share God's love with all creation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Building up for God!

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

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