



**HOLY
EUCHARIST**
for the
Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 25th, 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:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 NRSV

New around here? We're so glad to see you! Welcome to St. John's! We hope you are blessed today as we worship God together.

We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service or join us for education classes. If you have any questions about our congregation or the sermon, feel free to ask a member of the ministry team or to contact us another way. We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again.

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PRELUDE

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

I Sing the Mighty Power

VU 231

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the One
That filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures with a word,
And then pronounced them good.
O God, your wonders are displayed
Where-'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from your throne,
While all that borrows life from you
Is ever in your care,
And everywhere that I may be,
You, God, are present there.

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WELCOME

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.**

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

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

Music: New Plainsong; David Hurd

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COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive 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 Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Most High in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, "The word of God came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of God, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of God.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, "Thus says the God of hosts, the Holy One of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the God of hosts, the Holy One of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

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.

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

They shall say to the Almighty, "You are our refuge and our stronghold, our God in whom we put our trust."

The Almighty shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

The wings of the Most High shall cover you, and you shall find refuge under them; the faithfulness of God shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

“Because they are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver them; I will protect them, because they know my name.

They shall call upon me, and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble; I will rescue them and bring them to honour.

With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.”

SECOND LESSON

A reading from Paul’s first letter to Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, child of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about at the right time—God who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the Ruler of rulers. It is God alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to God be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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.

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy

on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

PAUSE

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GRADUAL

CP 715 (Chorus)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

[May repeat]

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: In gratitude we pray.

All: We give thanks to you, O God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and
repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Silence is kept.

Deacon: We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of
God's creation. God our Creator, we are sorry for the times when
we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear
our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

Deacon: We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you
have given them to us. Creator, in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

Deacon: We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the
cry of the hungry. Creator, in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

Deacon: We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Creator, in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

Deacon: We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Creator, in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

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.

All: 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 Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

CP 644

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,
with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
o'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him for ever blest.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: 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 the Christ.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 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.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God.
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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made in to this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your realm.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

CP 690

**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

The Eucharistic feast is a participation in the Body and Blood of Christ. Receiving Communion is a sacramental means through which we reaffirm that we became part of Christ's one Body in our baptism.

The Anglican Church welcomes all Christians from any denomination to receive Communion.

Please speak to the priest after the service if you would like to discuss baptism or if you have any questions about the sacraments.

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 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord CP 531
(On Eagle's Wings)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life;
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **[Refrain]**

For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **[Refrain]**

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Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. **[Refrain]**

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. **[Refrain]**

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love:
all these are neighbors to us and you. **[Refrain]**

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. **[Refrain]**

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we should live with you. **[Refrain]**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

Celebrant: God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

God, My Hope on You Is Founded

CP 529

All my hope on God is founded;

he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth,

only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone

calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go and live the good news of God's infinite love!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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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