



**HOLY  
EUCHARIST**  
For the Ninth Sunday  
after Pentecost

August 7, 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 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40, NRSV

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Celebrant & Preacher:  | The Rev. Bob Shantz       |
| Eucharistic Assistant: | Cheryl Atkins             |
| Piano:                 | Dan Gooch                 |
| Vocalists:             | Lee Ramsay & Alie Ruty    |
| Prayers of People:     | John Spragge              |
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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****God of Grace and God of Glory****CP 577**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness.  
Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
in the fight for liberty.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee.

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## **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.**

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## **COLLECT**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; 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 Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Almighty,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Holy One;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls  
or of lambs or of goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more!  
Bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove your evil deeds

from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil;  
learn to do good;  
seek justice;  
rescue the oppressed;  
defend the orphan;  
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Holy One:  
If your sins are like scarlet,  
will they become like snow?  
If they are red like crimson,  
will they become like wool?  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land,  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword,  
for the mouth of God has spoken.

## **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.

The Most High, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals the divine glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before whom there is a consuming flame, and round about whom a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of this people.**

“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

**Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause; for God, God alone, is judge.**

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak: O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.**

Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

**Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”**

## **SECOND LESSON**

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered faithful the One who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

## 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, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Creator's good pleasure to give you the realm. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Chosen One is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

## **PAUSE**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

## **GRADUAL**

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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**

### **Christ Be With Us**

**Tune: CP 374**

Christ be with us, Christ behind us,  
Christ before us — all around!  
Christ in busy, noisy cities,  
Christ where hardly rings a sound.  
Jesus, you're our Friend and Savior;  
On your love we can depend.  
Help us see your presence clearly  
In each stranger and each friend.

Christ in lines of people fleeing,  
Praying that a war will cease;  
Christ in battered women's shelters,  
Looking for a place of peace.  
Christ with people sick or dying,

Loved ones trying hard to cope  
In this world of so much suffering,  
Christ, you give your people hope.

Christ with children who must struggle,  
Working hard for daily food;  
Christ in classrooms, learning, growing,  
Asking questions, seeking good;  
Christ in diners, waiting tables;  
Christ in homes where children play  
In this world of people working,  
Christ, you work through us today.

Christ with all who keep on struggling,  
Helping others to be free;  
Christ with churches working, searching  
For a greater unity;  
Christ, in bread and wine, be with us,  
Giving strength for each new day  
In this world of daily crosses,  
Be our joyful, living Way.

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## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Creator, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in  
this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

**All:** Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2**

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: 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 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, 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.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant: 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 he 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.  
Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant: 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.**

## **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.**

## **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

*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

### **Come and Fill Our Hearts**

**CP 402**

*Confitemini Domino  
quoniam bonus.  
Confitemini Domino,  
alleluia!*

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

[May repeat]

*Words: Ps. 118. 1; Eng. Para. Taizé Community (France)*

*Music: Jacques Berthier*

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**HYMN****New Every Morning Is the Love****CP 7**

New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be,  
As more of heaven in each we see;  
Some softening gleam of love and prayer  
Shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we need to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Christ, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

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*Music: Samuel Webbe the elder*

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**PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we  
have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We  
ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

**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**

### **Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

**CP 570**

Christ, dismiss us with your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, your love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,

travelling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration

for the gospel's joyful sound:

may the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound!

May your presence, may your presence

with us evermore be found.

*Words: Attrib. John Fawcett*

*Music: Meoldy Sicilian, The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.*

## **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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