

July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available  
Please ask an usher for assistance*

*Please ask an usher for a copy of the service music*

*But as for what was sown on  
good soil, this is the one who  
hears the word and  
understands it, who indeed  
bears fruit ...*

*Matthew 13:23, NRSV*



## The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #387 “All Praise to Thee”

**Greeting and Collect for Purity**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **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 Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God** [Hymn #686]

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 25:19–34

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

<sup>19</sup>These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
<sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the  
 Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the Lord for his  
 wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah  
 conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this  
 way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. <sup>23</sup>And the Lord said to her,  
 “Two nations are in your womb,  
 and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
 one shall be stronger than the other,  
 the elder shall serve the younger.”

<sup>24</sup>When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came  
 out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterwards his brother  
 came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years  
 old when she bore them.

<sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a  
 quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah  
 loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was  
 famished. <sup>30</sup>Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!”  
 (Therefore he was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” <sup>32</sup>Esau said, “I  
 am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he  
 swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil  
 stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105–112 (Nun)

**Refrain:** Your word is a light upon my path.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet  
 and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined  
 to keep your righteous judgements.

**Refrain**

107 I am deeply troubled;  
 preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,  
 and teach me your judgements.

**Refrain**

109 My life is always in my hand,  
 yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me,  
 but I have not strayed from your commandments.

**Refrain**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;  
 truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes  
 for ever and to the end.

**Refrain**

**As of old, O Lord our God, you gave commandments to make one nation just and true, so  
 by your incarnate Word you make all peoples one in grace and in the perfect freedom of  
 your service. We give thanks to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Romans 8:1–11

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

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law  
 of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For  
 God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in  
 the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the

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just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn #715 “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1–9,18–23

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!”

<sup>18</sup> “ ... Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the

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word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*People* **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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** page 192

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn #508 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3** page 198

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Arranged by  
Michael Leach

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*People*

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.****The Breaking of the Bread #3**

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*Celebrant* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.*People* **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.****Lamb of God** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.****The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn #541 "As Longs the Hart"****Prayer after Communion***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.****Doxology** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.****Blessing****Announcements****Recessional Hymn #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"****Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

## Services

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| Sunday | 8:00 a.m.  | Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)       |
|        | 9:00 a.m.  | Mandarin Fellowship             |
|        | 10:30 a.m. | Sung Eucharist (BAS)            |
|        |            | 3rd Sunday of the month (AAawe) |

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a "harbour for love," where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

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| Interim Priest-in-Charge     | The Rev. Leonard Leader                              |
| Honorary Associate           | The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD |
| Associate, Mandarin Ministry | Morning Wang   |
| Organist & Director of Music | Michael Leach  |
| Parish Administrator         | Craig Gustafson                                      |
| Custodian                    | Philip Ikhuoria                                      |