

June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #461 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Text by George Duffield, Jr.

- Stand up, stand up for Jesus, you soldiers of the cross!
 Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
 From victory on to victory, his army he shall lead till evil is defeated, and Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet-call obey; then join the mighty conflict in this his glorious day.
 Be strong in faith and serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
- Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
 Stand in his power alone,
 for human might will fail you—
 you dare not trust your own.
 Put on the gospel armour,
 keep watch with constant prayer;
 where duty calls or danger,
 be never failing there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The fight will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To everyone who conquers, a crown of life shall be; we, with the king of glory, shall reign eternally.

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]

- 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.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on 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.

PeopleO God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue
your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and
preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 21:8-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

⁸ The child [Isaac] grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1–10,16–17

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,

for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;

save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;

I call upon you all the day long.

- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,

for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,

nor anything like your works.

- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

God of mercy, fill us with the love of your name, and help us to proclaim you before the world, that all peoples may celebrate your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

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

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized

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Romans 6:1b–11

into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 10:24-39

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ [Jesus said,] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SubdeaconThe Gospel of Christ.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostle's Creed

Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"

- I believe in God almighty, Father of all things that be, maker of the earth and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea.
 I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.
- 2 I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was buried true life there had truly died.
 I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy, People Hear our prayer. Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

 I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within one Church, catholic, and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin; in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain gives the life that's everlasting: this the faith that I have claimed.

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #509 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

- Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



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Text by Thomas A. Dorsey

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

PeopleEternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation.Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #5

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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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
 In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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

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

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.
 Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.
 We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Anointing

The Lord's Prayer [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 #1

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Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Lamb of God [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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

- *Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.
- People Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Today being the last Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing. If you would like to receive this ministry, please proceed to the prayer desk at the back of the church before coming forward to receive Communion.

Communion Hymn #551 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Text by Ray Palmer

 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
 Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.
 O let me from this day be wholly thine. 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

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3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll, blest Saviour, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anointing

Doxology [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

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #425 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Text by Henry van Dyke

- Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Reader	Hazel Perkin		Nancy and Michael Dodsworth
Server	Truman Jian		

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (hoden-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.