

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #343** “When All Thy Mercies, O My God”

Text by Joseph Addison

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| 1 When all thy mercies, O my God,<br>my rising soul surveys,<br>transported with the view, I'm lost<br>in wonder, love, and praise.          | 4 Through every period of my life<br>thy goodness I'll pursue,<br>and after death, in distant worlds,<br>the glorious theme renew. |
| 2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul<br>thy tender care bestowed,<br>before my infant heart conceived<br>from whom those comforts flowed.        | 5 Through all eternity to thee<br>a joyful song I'll raise;<br>for O, eternity's too short<br>to utter all thy praise!             |
| 3 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts<br>my daily thanks employ;<br>nor is the least a cheerful heart,<br>that tastes those gifts with joy. |  |

#### **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 on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

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**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, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 28:10–19a

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19a</sup> He called that place Bethel . . .

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 139:1–11,22-23

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #491 St. Magnus

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| <p>1 Lord, you have searched me out and known<br/>All that your hands have wrought;<br/>My rising up and sitting down,<br/>You know my every thought.</p> <p>2 You trace my journeys and my rests,<br/>And everything I do;<br/>There is no word upon my lips<br/>Which is not known to you.</p> <p>3 Behind, before, you press on me<br/>And on me lay your hand;<br/>Such knowledge is too wonderful<br/>For me to understand.</p> | <p>4 Then from your Spirit or your face,<br/>Where can I flee or go?<br/>In heaven above I find you there,<br/>And in the grave also.</p> <p>5 If I should take the wings of dawn<br/>And reach the farthest sea,<br/>Yet even there your hand holds fast,<br/>Your right hand still leads me.</p> <p>6 If I say, "Surely darkness hides,<br/>And light will turn to night,"<br/>The darkness is not dark, to you<br/>Both day and night are bright.</p> |
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Second Reading:

Romans 8:12–25

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

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

*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>24</sup> [Jesus] put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" "

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! . . . "

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

**The Apostle's Creed****Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"**

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

- 1 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.
- 3 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.

**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

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

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

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn #345 “King of Glory, King of Peace”

Text by George Herbert

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| <p>1 King of glory, King of peace,<br/>I will love thee;<br/>and that love may never cease,<br/>I will move thee.<br/>Thou hast granted my request,<br/>thou hast heard me;<br/>thou didst note my working breast,<br/>thou hast spared me.</p> | <p>3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,<br/>I will praise thee;<br/>in my heart, though not in heaven,<br/>I can raise thee.<br/>Small it is, in this poor sort<br/>to enrol thee:<br/>even eternity's too short<br/>to extol thee.</p> |
| <p>2 Wherefore with my utmost art<br/>I will sing thee,<br/>and the cream of all my heart<br/>I will bring thee.<br/>Though my sins against me cried,<br/>thou didst clear me;<br/>and alone, when they replied,<br/>thou didst hear me.</p>    |  |

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer 4

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

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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:

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

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



*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **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.*

**Communion Hymn #435 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

Text by Frances Ridley Havergal

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| <p>1 Take my life, and let it be<br/>consecrated, Lord, to thee;<br/>take my moments and my days,<br/>let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p>    | <p>4 Take my will, and make it thine;<br/>it shall be no longer mine;<br/>take my heart, it is thine own;<br/>it shall be thy royal throne.</p> |
| <p>2 Take my hands, and let them move<br/>at the impulse of thy love;<br/>take my feet, and let them be<br/>swift and purposeful for thee.</p>  | <p>5 Take my love: my Lord, I pour<br/>at thy feet its treasure store;<br/>take myself, and I will be<br/>ever, only, all for thee.</p>         |
| <p>3 Take my lips, and let them be<br/>filled with messages from thee;<br/>take my intellect, and use<br/>every power as thou shalt choose.</p> |   |

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Recessional Hymn #371 "To God Be the Glory"**

Text by Fanny Crosby

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| <p>1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!<br/>God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,<br/>who yielded his life an atonement for sin,<br/>And opened the life gate that all may go in.</p> | <p>2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,<br/>to every believer the promise of God:<br/>that when the offender, repenting, believes,<br/>through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.</p> |
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**Refrain**

**Refrain:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear God's voice.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give God the glory,  
who great things has done!

- 3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

**Refrain**

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

***A special welcome today to the ACW & Friends group from Christ the King Anglican Church in Nassau, Bahamas, including Archdeacon Dwight Rolle. We are happy you chose to worship with us this morning.***

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| <p><b>Today's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>         Genesis 28:10-19a<br/>         Psalm 139:1-11,22-23<br/>         Romans 8:12-25<br/>         Matthew 13:24-30,36-43</p> | <p><b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>         Genesis 29:15-28<br/>         Psalm 105:1-11, 45c or 128<br/>         Romans 8:26-39<br/>         Matthew 13:31-33,44-52</p> |
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| <b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>   |
| <p><b>Congregation Cycle</b><br/>         Olga J / Isabelle J &amp; Family / Khumbulau &amp; Lydia K &amp; Raphael /<br/>         Patrick K / Vida K</p> |

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| <p>Celebrant &amp; Preacher<br/>         The Rev. Canon Victor Li</p> <p>Subdeacon     Doug Heyes</p> <p>Intercessor     Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Reader     Ravi Andrews</p> <p>Server     Truman Jian</p> <p>Videographer     Egan Done</p> | <p>Organist     Michael Leach</p> <p>Usher     Ann-Marie Waithe Powell</p> <p>Altar Guild     Priya Daniel</p> <p>Duty Warden     Judy Bradshaw</p> <p>Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts<br/>         Geraldine and Alan Sperling</p> |
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**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-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.