

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
(Proper 28)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## ***Welcome***

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<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good  
news to the poor. He has sent me to  
proclaim release to the captives and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free . . . ”  
Luke 4:18

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Processional Hymn #381 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Psalm 103; paraphrase by Henry Francis Lyte

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| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;<br>to his feet your tribute bring;<br>ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br>evermore his praises sing.<br>Alleluia, alleluia,<br>praise the everlasting King.    | 4 Frail as summer's flower we<br>flourish;<br>blows the wind and it is gone;<br>but, while mortals rise and perish,<br>God endures unchanging on:<br>alleluia, alleluia,<br>praise the high eternal one. |
| 2 Praise him for his grace and favour<br>to our forebears in distress;<br>praise him, still the same forever,<br>slow to chide and swift to bless;<br>alleluia, alleluia,<br>glorious in his faithfulness. | 5 Angels, help us to adore him;<br>you behold him face to face;<br>sun and moon bow down before<br>him,<br>dwellers all in time and space.<br>Alleluia, alleluia,<br>praise with us the God of grace.    |
| 3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;<br>well our feeble frame he knows;<br>in his hands he gently bears us,<br>rescues us from all our foes:<br>alleluia, alleluia,<br>widely as his mercy flows.          |  |

#### 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.**

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**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.**

**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.

Almighty God,

*People* **in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and 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:

Exodus 32:1–14

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” <sup>2</sup>Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup>So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” <sup>5</sup>When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now

let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.’” <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 106:1–6,19–23**

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| <p>1 Hallelujah!<br/>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,<br/>for his mercy endures for ever.</p> <p>2 <b>Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord<br/>or show forth all his praise?</b></p> <p>3 Happy are those who act with justice<br/>and always do what is right!</p> <p>4 <b>Remember me, O Lord, with the favour<br/>you have for your people,<br/>and visit me with your saving help;</b></p> <p>5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect<br/>and be glad with the gladness of your people,<br/>that I may glory with your inheritance.</p> | <p>6 <b>We have sinned as our forebears did;<br/>we have done wrong and dealt<br/>wickedly.</b></p> <p>19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb<br/>and worshipped a molten image;</p> <p>20 <b>And so they exchanged their Glory<br/>for the image of an ox that feeds on<br/>grass.</b></p> <p>21 They forgot God their saviour,<br/>who had done great things in Egypt,</p> <p>22 <b>Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,<br/>and fearful things at the Red Sea.</b></p> <p>23 So he would have destroyed them,<br/>had not Moses his chosen stood before<br/>him in the breach,<br/>to turn away his wrath from<br/>consuming them.</p> |
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God our Father, **remembering your covenant you graciously pardoned those who rebelled against you. Grant that where sin abounds, grace may abound more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:1-9

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Philippians.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 22:1–14

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

<sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

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<sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

<sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Reader*     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

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| 1 | I believe in God almighty,<br>Father of all things that be,<br>maker of the earth and heavens,<br>keeper of the sky and sea.<br>I believe in God's Son, Jesus,<br>now for us both Lord and Christ,<br>of the Spirit and of Mary<br>born to bring abundant life.                                   | 3 | I believe in God's own Spirit,<br>bonding all the saints within<br>one Church, catholic, and holy,<br>where forgiveness frees from sin;<br>in the body's resurrection,<br>for the breaking of death's chain<br>gives the life that's everlasting:<br>this the faith that I have claimed. |
| 2 | I believe that Jesus suffered,<br>scourged and scorned and crucified;<br>taken from the cross, was buried—<br>true life there had truly died.<br>I believe that on the third day<br>Christ was raised up from the grave,<br>then ascended to God's right hand.<br>He will come to judge and save. |   |  |

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader*     Let us give thanks to God our Father.

*People*     **We thank you, Lord.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear Beloved 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 #404 "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"** Text by Katherine K. Davis

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| <p>1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing;<br/>the feast is ready to begin;<br/>the gates of heaven are open wide<br/>and Jesus welcomes you inside.</p> | <p>2 Tables are laden with good things;<br/>O taste the peace and joy he brings<br/>he'll fill you up with love divine,<br/>he'll turn your water into wine.</p> |
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#### **Refrain**

#### **Refrain:**

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,  
come and revel in heaven's love and light;  
take your place at the table of the King,  
the feast is ready to begin  
the feast is ready to begin.

- 3 The hungry heart he satisfies,  
offers the poor his paradise;  
now hear all heaven and earth  
applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

#### **Refrain**

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God of constant love,

*People* **in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer #3

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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; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, 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.**

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,



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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** [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** [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 Hymns****Hymn #399 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

Text by Martin Rinckart; translation by Catherine Winkworth

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| <p>1 Now thank we all our God,<br/>with heart and hands and voices,<br/>who wondrous things hath done,<br/>in whom this world rejoices;<br/>who from our mother's arms<br/>hath blessed us on our way<br/>with countless gifts of love,<br/>and still is ours today.</p> | <p>3 All praise and thanks to God<br/>eternal now be given,<br/>to Spirit and to Word,<br/>who reign in highest heaven:<br/>one ever faithful God,<br/>whom heaven and earth adore;<br/>for thus it was, is now,<br/>and shall be evermore.</p> |
| <p>2 O may this bounteous God<br/>through all our life be near us,<br/>with ever joyful hearts<br/>and blessed peace to cheer us,<br/>and nourish us with grace,<br/>and guide us when perplexed;<br/>and free us from all ills<br/>in this world and the next.</p>      |   |

## Hymn #401 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

Text by Robert Lowry; adaptation with additional text by Doris Plenn

1 My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

**Refrain:**

No storm can shake my inmost  
calm,  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heaven and  
earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the  
strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds and echoes in my soul;  
how can I keep from singing?

**Refrain**

3 What though the tempest 'round me roar,  
I hear the truth it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me  
close,  
songs in the night it giveth.

**Refrain**

4 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knells ringing;  
when friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing?

**Refrain**

5 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his;  
how can I keep from singing?

**Refrain**

## Hymn #405 "Alleluia No. 1"

Text by Donald Fishel

**Refrain:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation.

**Refrain**

2 Spread the good news o'er all the  
earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen.

**Refrain**

3 We have been crucified with Christ:  
now we shall live forever.

**Refrain**

4 Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

**Refrain**

**Prayer after Communion***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* Faithful God,  
**in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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****Recessional Hymn #587 "Once to all, to every Nation"**

Source: African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal #432

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| <p>1 Once to all and every nation<br/>Comes the moment to decide,<br/>In the strife of truth with falsehood,<br/>For the good or evil side;<br/>Some great cause, God's new Messiah,<br/>Offering each the bloom or blight,<br/>And the choice goes by forever<br/>Twixt that darkness and that light.</p> <p>2 Then to side with truth is noble,<br/>When we share her wretched crust,<br/>Ere her cause bring fame and profit,<br/>And 'tis prosperous to be just;<br/>Then it is the brave man chooses<br/>While the coward stands aside,<br/>Till the multitude make virtue<br/>Of the faith they had denied.</p> | <p>3 By the light of burning martyrs,<br/>Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track,<br/>Toiling up new Calvaries ever<br/>With the cross that turns not back;<br/>New occasions teach new duties,<br/>Time makes ancient good uncouth;<br/>They must upward still and onward,<br/>Who would keep abreast of truth.</p> <p>4 Though the cause of evil prosper,<br/>Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;<br/>Though her portion be the scaffold,<br/>And upon the throne be wrong:<br/>Yet that scaffold sways the future,<br/>And, behind the dim unknown,<br/>Standeth God within the shadow<br/>Keeping watch above His own.</p> |
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**Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for refreshments following the service.*

<p><b>Today's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>          Exodus 32:1-14          Psalm 106:1-6,19-23          Philippians 4:1-9          Matthew 22:1-14</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b>          Exodus 33:12-23          Psalm 99          1 Thessalonians 1:1-10          Matthew 22:15-22</p>
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<b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>
<p><b>Congregation Cycle</b>          Methylene S / Joseph T / Sam &amp; Julie T / Sandy T &amp; Cameron / Deborah T</p>

<p>Celebrant &amp; Preacher Rev. Ian LaFleur          Subdeacon Doug Heyes          Intercessor Doug Heyes          Reader Rudy Powell          Videographer Egan Done          Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p>Usher Ann-Marie Waithe Powell          Altar Guild Maggie Sumner          Duty Warden          Coffee Hour Hosts          Lorraine Baillie and friends          Counters John Pummell,</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.