

October 13, 2024

Harvest Thanksgiving  
(Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

**10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist**

## *Welcome*

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



### 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.

### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #262 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

Text by John Arlott

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| <p>1 Come, ye thankful people, come,<br/>raise the song of harvest home!<br/>All is safely gathered in,<br/>ere the winter storms begin;<br/>God, our maker, doth provide<br/>for our wants to be supplied:<br/>come to God’s own temple, come,<br/>raise the song of harvest home!</p>             | <p>3 For the Lord our God shall come,<br/>and shall take his harvest home;<br/>from his field shall in that day<br/>all offenses purge away;<br/>give his angels charge at last<br/>in the fire the weeds to cast;<br/>but the fruitful ears to store<br/>in his garner evermore.</p> |
| <p>2 All the world is God’s own field,<br/>fruit unto his praise to yield;<br/>wheat and weeds together sown,<br/>unto joy or sorrow grown;<br/>first the blade, and then the ear,<br/>then the full corn shall appear:<br/>Lord of harvest, grant that we<br/>wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> | <p>4 Even so, Lord, quickly come<br/>to thy final harvest home!<br/>Gather thou thy people in,<br/>free from sorrow, free from sin,<br/>there forever purified,<br/>in thy presence to abide:<br/>come, with all thine angels, come,<br/>raise the glorious harvest home.</p>         |

### 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.**

**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* **Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Joel 2:21–27

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Joel.

<sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. <sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which

I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 126 (said responsively)**

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| <p>1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,<br/>then were we like those who dream.</p> <p>2 <b>Then was our mouth filled with laughter,<br/>and our tongue with shouts of joy.</b></p> <p>3 Then they said among the nations,<br/>“The Lord has done great things for them.”</p> <p>4 <b>The Lord has done great things for us,<br/>and we are glad indeed.</b></p> | <p>5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,<br/>like the watercourses of the Negev.</p> <p>6 <b>Those who sowed with tears<br/>will reap with songs of joy.</b></p> <p>7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,<br/>will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.</p> |
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**Praise to you, God of our salvation. Your generous gifts surpass all that we can ask or imagine. You have delivered us from the exile of sin and restored us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Glory and honour and praise to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

Second Reading:

I Timothy 2:1–7

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Gradual “Alleluia”**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 6:25–33

*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>25</sup> [Jesus said,] “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well . . . ”

*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

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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- 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; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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.**

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn #403 "Let All Things Now Living"

Text by Katherine K. Davis

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| 1 | Let all things now living<br>a song of thanksgiving<br>to God the creator triumphantly raise,<br>who fashioned and made us,<br>protected and stayed us,<br>who still guides us on to the end of our<br>days.<br>Love's banners are o'er us;<br>God's light goes before us,<br>a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,<br>till shadows have vanished<br>and darkness is banished,<br>as forward we travel from light into<br>Light. | 2 | God's law still enforces<br>the stars in their courses<br>and causes the sun in its splendour to<br>shine;<br>the hills and the mountains,<br>the rivers and fountains,<br>the deeps of the ocean in praises<br>combine.<br>We too should be voicing<br>our love and rejoicing;<br>with glad adoration a song let us raise<br>till all things now living<br>unite in thanksgiving:<br>"To God in the highest, hosanna and<br>praise!" |
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### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #2

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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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

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By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*People*

Michael  
Leach

**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*

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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.**

### **The Communion**

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*Celebrant*    The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **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.**

*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 #259 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

Text by Fred Pratt Green

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| <p>1    For the fruit of all creation,<br/>      thanks be to God;<br/>      gifts bestowed on every nation,<br/>      thanks be to God.<br/>      For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,<br/>      silent growth while we are sleeping,<br/>      future needs in earth's safekeeping,<br/>      thanks be to God.</p> | <p>3    For the harvests of the Spirit,<br/>      thanks be to God.<br/>      For the good we all inherit,<br/>      thanks be to God.<br/>      For the wonders that astound us,<br/>      for the truths that still confound us,<br/>      most of all, that love has found us,<br/>      thanks be to God.</p> |
| <p>2    In the just reward of labour,<br/>      God's will is done.<br/>      In the help we give our neighbour,<br/>      God's will is done.<br/>      In our worldwide task of caring<br/>      for the hungry and despairing,<br/>      in the harvests we are sharing,<br/>      God's will is done.</p>        |   |

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of 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**

*Celebrant* Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope.

Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

**Recessional 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>      |   |

## Dismissal

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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

***The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Neville McCausland on the first anniversary of his untimely passing.***

***Sadly missed by Margie, Colette, Clavel and Carter Lyttle.***

***And***

***In loving memory of Carl Lyttle on the anniversary of his birth (Oct. 12) and death (Oct. 4) from his daughters Colette and Clavel, and grandson Carter.***

### **Today's Scripture Readings**

#### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Joel 2:21–27

Psalm 126

I Timothy 2:1–7

Matthew 6:25–33

### **Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**

#### **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-7,(34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9,25,37b

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

**We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .**

**Congregation Cycle**

Joanie P / Rudy P / Rakesh & Sangeeta R, Roanna, Ryan, & Naomi / Tahereh R /  
 Craig R & Berta Z

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Ali McIntosh

Subdeacon & Chalice Bearer

Margie Lyttle

Intercessor Ravi Andrews

Reader Hazel Perkin

Crucifer Philip Tindan

Organist Michael Leach

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Egan Done

Altar Guild

Maggie Sumner

Ushers

Ann-Marie Waithe Powell,

Hazel Perkin

Duty Warden

Ann-Marie Waithe Powell

Welcome Table

Lorraine Baillie

Coffee Hour

Anthony Wong & Donya Xu

Counters

Richard Snider, Carolyn Poonwoo,

Colette Lyttle