

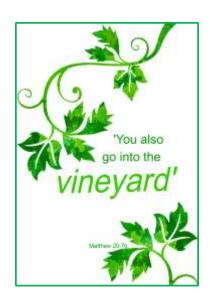
September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)

10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #388 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Text by John Newton

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See! The streams of living waters, spring from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age?
- 3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering— showing that the Lord is near. Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which God gives them when they pray.
- 4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
 I through grace a member am,
 let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name.
 Fading is the world's best pleasure,
 all its boasted pomp and show:
 solid joys and lasting treasure
 none but Zion's children know.

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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 16:2–15

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the

complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat . . ."

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

Psalm 105:1-8

- Give thanks to God, make known his Name, His deeds, to everyone;
 Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell The wonders he has done.
- 2 Rejoice in him, all hearts that seek To know his Name and grace; Search for the Lord and all his strength, And ever seek his face.

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber Tune Hymn #230 Azmon

- Recall the marvels God has done,
 The judgements of his mouth,
 O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,
 Whom he has chosen out.
- The Lord is God, throughout the world His righteous laws prevail;
 His covenant and promises
 He keeps and will not fail.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21–30

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

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16

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.

¹ [Jesus said,] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to vou. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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"

- 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.
- 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.

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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 page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #356 "Ye Boundless Realms of Joy"

Psalm 148; paraphrase by Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady

- 1 Ye boundless realms of joy,
 exalt your Maker's fame,
 his praise your song employ
 above the starry frame;
 your voices raise,
 ye cherubim
 and seraphim,
 to sing his praise.
- 3 Let them adore the Lord, and praise his holy name, by whose almighty Word they all from nothing came; and all shall last from changes free; his firm decree stands ever fast.
- 2 Thou moon, that rulest the night, and sun, that guidest the day, ye glittering stars of light, to him your homage pay.

 His praise declare, ye heavens above, and clouds that move in liquid air.
- 4 United zeal be shown his wondrous fame to raise, whose glorious name alone deserves our endless praise; earth's utmost ends his power obey: his glorious sway the sky transcends.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Proper Preface The Lord's Day 1

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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; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining 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 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.**

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 #4

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Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

People May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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 page 213

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

- 1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee: take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

- 4 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- Take my love: my Lord, I pour 5 at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #565 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Text by William Williams

- Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
- Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
- When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Thanks for your partnership and support in our shared ministry during the last 8 years and 4 months.

To God be the glory!

Reverend Leonard and Felicity Leader

Please join us downstairs for our Potluck lunch following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 Phil 1:21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 Phil 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Rev. Leonard Leader

Subdeacon Doug Heyes

Intercessor Geraldine Sperling

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Counters Richard Snider.

Carolyn PoonWoo

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.