

# THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED



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A Service of the Word  
for

The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost    July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Gathering of the Community

One    In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All    Amen.

## Welcome

### Confession and Absolution

One    Most merciful God,

All    we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

One    What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Please turn to your neighbor and share these words of assurance: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

All    Amen.

## The Apostolic Grace

One    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All    And also with you.

Opening Hymn    CP465

Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming (Gather Us In)

### Prayer / Collect of the Day

One Scandalous God, you sow weeds among the crop, raise bread with impure yeast, offer treasure without price and cast a net that catches good and bad: throw down our idols of purity and possession, so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block.

All Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm	128
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-39
Gradual Hymn	CP 577                      God of Grace and God of Glory
Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### Gospel Discussion

1. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
2. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
3. Where is the grace/love in the passage?
4. Where is the grace/love in our world?

Hymn of the Day    CP 505                                      Be Thou My Vision

### Apostles' Creed

One With the whole church, let us confess our faith:  
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated and the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

#### The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you always.  
All And also with you.

#### Offering

Offertory Hymn                                      This Little Light of Mine

One God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

#### Thanksgiving for the Word

*Please respond to each petition ending "For your Word of Life, O God." with "We give you thanks and praise."*

#### The Lord's Prayer

One Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Announcements

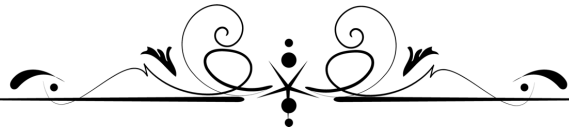
#### Blessing

Closing Hymn                                      Sent Forth By God's Blessing

#### Dismissal

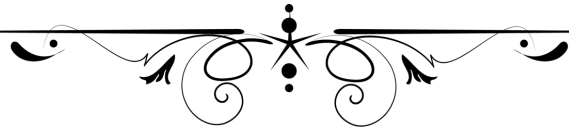
One Go—as seed and yeast, willing to lose your life in the larger purposes of God.  
Go—as fisherfolk and treasure seekers, pouring out your days in search of hidden grace.

All Thanks be to God.



### Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. Please tune in for details on how you can support this ministry.



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**First Reading (GENESIS 29:15-28)**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country – giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

**Psalm 128 (BAS)**

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of your labour; happiness and prosperity shall be yours. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table. The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed. The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:  
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN

**Second Reading (ROMANS 8:26-39)**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified

he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

**Gospel (MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52)**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW. GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

## Hymns

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### Opening Hymn CP 465

#### Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming  
now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
call to us now and we shall awaken  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
we are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
give us to eat the bread that is you  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
not in some heaven light years away  
but here in this place the new light is shining  
now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
gather us in and make us your own  
gather us in, all peoples together  
fire of love in our flesh and our bones

### Gradual Hymn CP 577

#### God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
now fulfil your Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness.  
Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight for liberty.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we fail ourselves and thee,  
lest we fail ourselves and thee.

### Hymn of the Day CP 505

#### Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art--  
thou my best thought  
by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping,

thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father,  
thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling,  
and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not,  
nor the world's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven,  
when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

### Offertory Hymn

#### This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Closing Song

#### Sent Forth By God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.