

A Service of the Word for

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 20th, 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 Our God kisses us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive now that for which faith has hungered: you are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus the Christ.

All Amen.

The Apostolic Grace

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, \(\mathbb{\Pi}\) the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Gathering Hymn CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Prayer / Collect of the Day

One Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you gather in what has been rejected, restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded. Give us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast may be welcomed and all may be blessed.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gradual Hymn CP 465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:10-28

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 578

O Healing River

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 had 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

Please respond to each petition ending "Lord, help us." with "We trust in you.."

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 403

Let All Things Now Living

One Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this 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 CP 631

The Kingdom of God Is Justice

Dismissal

One The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. God has gifted you with forgiveness and graced you with reconciliation. Go now and share God's gifts with the distressed and estranged. Christ has called you close to him and healed you from torment. Go now and call others to receive Christ's mercy and healing.

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.



Diocese of Huron Land Acknowledgement

The Diocese of Huron is situated on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional and unceded lands of the Anishinaabe Peoples, of Walpole Island, Kettle Point and the Thames, the settled people's Haudenosaunee Confederacy, at the Grand River and the Thames and the Lenni Lenape Delaware people's of Moraviantown and Muncey.



First Reading GENESIS 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me."

So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?"

But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer.

He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 133 (BAS)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

REFRAIN How good it is for all to live together in unity.

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

REFRAIN How good it is for all to live together in unity.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

REFRAIN How good it is for all to live together in unity.

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 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel MATTHEW 15:10-28

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.

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hymns

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Gathering Hymn CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

- 1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun doth its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where e'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Gradual Hymn CP 465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

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

Hymn of the Day CP 578 O Healing River

1 Oh healing river, send down your waters,

send down your waters upon this land. Oh healing river send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand. 2 This land is parching, this land is burning,

no seed is growing in the barren ground. O healing rover send down your waters, O healing rover send your waters down.

3 Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,

let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.

O healing river send down your waters O healing river from out of the skies.

Offertory Hymn CP 403 Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise. Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night. Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished

As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses

And sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.

Closing Hymn CP 631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy; For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.

God's power and glory in Jesus we know; And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;

The captives are freed, the sinners find place,

The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;

And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:

Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!

His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:

Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;

In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;

And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.