

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence in the Deanery of Essex, with parish partnerships in the Diocese of Huron, members of the Anglican Church of Canada.

A Service of the Word for

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 10th, 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 Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All Amen.

The Apostolic Grace

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

All And also with you.

Opening Hymn CP 465

Gather Us In

Prayer / Collect of the Day

One God of unity and truth, encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful and bring back the wayward. Gather us all together in mutual love, so that our prayer may be pleasing to you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Exodus 12:1-4

Psalm 149

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

Gradual Hymn CP 506 Lord of all Hopefulness

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

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 458 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
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

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

One Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be (ELW)

Dismissal

One The night is gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day; let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.



First Reading (EXODUS 12:1-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 149 (BAS)

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

REFRAIN Sing to the Lord a new song.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

REFRAIN Sing to the Lord a new song.

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

REFRAIN Sing to the Lord a new song.

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

REFRAIN Sing to the Lord a new song.

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 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel MATTHEW 18:15-20

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 said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Gospel Acclamation CP 506 Lord of all Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,

Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Hymn of the Day CP 458 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things will be added unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and you shall find knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, Alleluia

Chorus

Offertory Hymn CP 460 Lord , the Light of Your Love Is Shining

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; Set us free by the truth you now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,

From the shadows into your radiance; By the blood I may enter your brightness;

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,

Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,

Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain

Closing Song CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

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.

5 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.