

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

18TH Sunday after Pentecost

October 1st, 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 People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

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 CP 404 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Prayer / Collect of the Day

One Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties through the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13
Gradual Hymn CP 631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice
Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

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 353 My God, How Endless is Your Love

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

Please respond to each petition ending "Lord, in your mercy" with "... hear our prayer."

The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

One Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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.

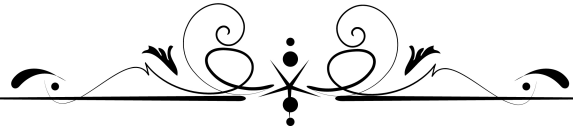
Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Dismissal

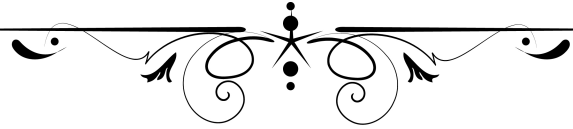
One Beloved, let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. Love the Lord and serve others for the glory of God.

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 Leni Lenape Delaware peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.

First Reading

EXODUS 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (BAS)

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

REFRAIN The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

REFRAIN The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

REFRAIN The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep. He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

REFRAIN The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

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

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from

selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel MATTHEW 21:23-32

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 404

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin;
the gates of heaven are open wide
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure
delight,
come and revel in heaven's love and
light;
take you place at the table of the King,
the feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.

2 Tables are laden with good things;
O taste the peace and joy he brings;
he'll fill you up with love divine,
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain*

3 The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the
poor his paradise;
now hear all heaven and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.
Refrain

Gradual 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.

Hymn of the Day CP 353

My God, How Endless is Your Love

1 My God, how endless is your love!
Your gifts are every evening new,
and morning mercies from above
gently distil, like earthly dew.

2 You spread the curtains of the night,
great Guardian of my sleeping hours;
your sovereign Word restores the light,
and quickens all my drowsy powers.

3 I yield my powers to your command;
to you I consecrate my days:
perpetual blessings from your hand
demand perpetual songs of praise.

Offertory 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.

Closing Song CP 393

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as
light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
then wither and perish, but nought
changeth thee.

4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom
and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to
see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.