

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

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost November 19th, 2023

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

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

All And also with you.

One Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Confession and Absolution

One Most merciful God,

All 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.

One Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise CP 300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Collect of the Day

One O God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gradual Hymn CP 444 Your Hand O God Has Guided
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

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?

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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."

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP529 God My Hope on You Is Founded

One Holy God, help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

Doxology

One Glory to God

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

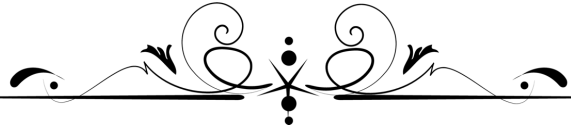
Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn CP 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

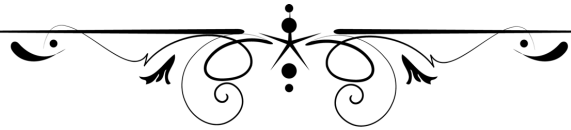
Dismissal

One Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
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 Lenne Lenape Delaware peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.

First Reading: JUDGES 4:1-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel MATTHEW 25:14-30 - Paul

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP565

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 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 (x2)

2 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 my strength and shield (x2)

3 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, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee (x2)

Act of Praise CP 300

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;

with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Gradual Hymn CP 444

Your Hand O God Has Guided

1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
your faithfulness is written
on history's open page.
Our fathers owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

2 Your heralds brought the gospel
to greatest and the least;
they summoned men and women
to share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching
in ev'ry deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

3 Your mercy will not fail us
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us
the vict'ry shall be won.

And then by earth and heaven
your name shall be adored;
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord!

Offertory Song CP529

God My Hope on You Is Founded

1 God my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you
guide me,

only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
call my heart to be your own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
newborn worlds arise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

Closing Song CP 575

Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth.
Give freedom's light to captives;
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading;
the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron power.
Abolish ancient vengeance.
Proclaim your people's hour.

2 The dreaded disappearance
of family and friend,
The torture and the silence –
the fear that knows no end.
The mother with her candle,
the child who holds a gun,
The old one nursing hatred –
all seek release to come.
Each candle burns for freedom,
each light's a tyrant's fall.
Each flower placed for martyrs
gives tongue to silenced call.

4 Your city's built for music:
we are the stones you seek.
Your harmony is language.
We are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in other's dreams.
Our love in hand of neighbour.
Our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice,
your way – the path untried:
Your truth – the heart of stranger,
your life – the Crucified.