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*8th Sunday after Pentecost*

July 31, 2022

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8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Processional:**     *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

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THE GREETING     Rev. Susan Snelling

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**Celebrant:**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:**       **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:**     Almighty God,

**People:**       **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie**            *Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**The Collect of the Day** (Prayer of the Day)

**All:**            **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Rev. Susan:       **Children's Time**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:   **Hosea 11:1-11**

READING FROM THE BOOK OF HOSEA

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: 107:1-9, 43**

**Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **R**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. **R**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. Let those who are wise give heed to these things and consider the steadfast love of the LORD. **R**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its

creator.

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

*(All stand for the Gospel)*

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To Luke

**People:** **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon: Rev. Susan**

*God, who calls us into relationship, may my words and the thoughts in our hearts and minds be pleasing in your sight. Amen.*

In our reading from Colossians today, Paul contrasts earthly concerns with heavenly concerns. He writes about clothing ourselves with the values of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, forbearance, patience, forgiveness, and in verse fourteen love. In the letter to the Ephesians Chapter 6 uses the imagery of putting on the armour of God. – In both passages, the notion that we are equipping ourselves to live in the world is expressed. There is intentionally about how we will approach our daily life. Each morning when we rise, we make the choice to be a follower of Christ. We do not know what the day will bring but we commit ourselves to meet the joys and challenges of the day wearing the values of God's Kingdom.

When we consider the parable of the rich fool through the lens of these values Jesus taught, it is obvious that the man was focused on earthly things and caught up in the sin of greed. God intervenes to show the man his wrong thinking. Rather than serving God, he has turned to serving money. The problem of greed runs rampant through our culture of consumerism and consumption. Even financial institutions compete to give us the greatest return on our money. It is difficult to untangle ourselves from this pervasive mindset in order to set our minds on heavenly things. And yet the issues of homelessness, or precarious housing, food insecurity, a living wage, the need for early childhood education, domestic violence, the opioid crisis haunt us. So many people left out, left wanting for the basic requirements of life. If we add climate change and global issues to the mix it deepens our concern.

On the one hand we have the tools to develop a working solution and on the other hand we can feel overwhelmed and powerless. However, just as our call is not to be perfect, but to be faithful, so our call is to clothe ourselves with Christ's values and manner of responding in the world, not to right every wrong. The choices that we make, the habits that we adopt, the attitude we bring to any situation, the questions that we ask are all influential. And yet there is still learning for us to do.

In the past year, I have participated in the Diocesan initiative for Anti Racism and Anti Bias training. You will have an opportunity to participate in this process as well. As a result, I have become more aware of some of the major issues our North American society is facing, and I have been challenged to move more deeply into an awareness of how imbedded our biases are. There is so much work for us to do in order to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Keeping an open mind allows us to respond with curiosity rather than contempt. Perhaps it is not the fool's greed that is the problem in the parable but his smug attitude - thinking he has conquered. His privilege in considering only himself. His lack of acknowledgement of the blessings God has given him, thinking he is the one responsible for all his accomplishments.

If you are a Blue Jays fan, you will be familiar with their slogan this year, - Next Level. God wants us to go to the next level - Faith is like a video game - there are so many levels and every time we reach one - there are new challenges for us to overcome so that we can get to the next level. We may think we have finished the game - we are comfortable in our relationship to God. Trying to live in a certain way and using habits we have developed. But guess what! Someone will say something, or we will find ourselves in a situation which requires us to rethink our ideas again.

In the Difference course which comes out of the Church of England, a course requested by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to help bridge divides between people and develop listening skills, participants are encouraged to develop three habits to assist them in reaching out to others to create relationships across barriers of race, gender identity, political views etc. One of those habits is curiosity. On a podcast I listen to one of the guest's identified curiosity as a leadership gift. I had never thought of it in that way before. But it is worth considering.

Do you remember the saying "curiosity killed the cat?" Or Curious George, the mischievous monkey who always got into trouble because he was curious. I think they had it all wrong. We need to stay curious. Being Curious is how we discover new things, new places, new ways of doing things. And although Jesus and Paul did not speak of curiosity as a virtue, they both displayed it in their lives. Jesus reached out to those who were marginalized in his community. He spoke to the woman at the well. He spoke to Zacchaeus in the tree. He spoke to lepers on the road. He engaged people to listen to their story, their experience. Paul travelled extensively to foreign places coming to understand other cultures and introducing Christianity. He speaks in Athens:

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,  
"Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked

carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. (Acts 17:22-23).

Curiosity sparks imagination. Paul connects the unknown God to God the Creator and ends up preaching about Jesus Christ. The rich fool lacked imagination. He was unable to imagine using his wealth for any other purpose than his own aggrandizement. God's judgement is swift and harsh.

That very night he dies and will not be able to proclaim his good deeds, his life of service, or his love of God. Nor will he be able to take all that wealth with him. It will be left behind. Earthly possessions are only of value here on earth, whereas heavenly things are transferred between heaven and earth. They are lasting. And they can be used now for the building up of God's Kingdom here on earth.

It is this Kingdom which preoccupied Jesus and Paul. And we are invited to preoccupy ourselves in the same way. We are invited to deepen our awareness of people's experiences and to do our part in attempting to build a just society. We will pray in the Eucharistic Prayer later for God to full us with the courage and love of Jesus. These are not just "nice words" or "a good thought" but an earnest request to be made more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

Let us pray.

*God the Creator of all things seen and unseen, inspire us to be curious and to have courage as we continue to explore human experience, connecting heavenly things to our reality in meaningful ways. Give us compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, forgiveness, and love to use in the creation of a just society and earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

**People: Amen.**

*(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)*

#### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#4)

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

Leader: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy; be their joy and their strength.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression; grant them your salvation.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying; show them your kindness and mercy.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for one another; may we always be united in service and love.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war and injustice.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern, may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: *What a Friend*

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### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**All:** God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #5:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: we give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cared for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink

this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Celebrant:** As now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

#### BREAKING OF BREAD #2:

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### LAMB OF GOD:

**All:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

#### THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:

*Let Us Break Bread*

*#48 SB*

*All That I Am*

*#202 SB*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** **God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

**All:**           **Glory to God, 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.**

THE BLESSING:

Celebrant:      The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People:**       **Amen.**

REMINDERS:    *Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements*

Recessional:    *They'll Know We are Christians*

*#15 SB*

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader:         Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:**           **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

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**Assisting Rev. Susan:**

Celebrant/Preacher: Rev. Susan Snelling  
Anointers: 8:30      n/a  
          10:00 – Altar    n/a  
          10:00 – Office   n/a  
First Reading:      Norm Savill  
Psalm Reader:      Cheryl McPhee  
Second Reading:    Laura Johnston  
Prayers:            Norm Savill  
Gospel:             Peter Beckett  
Servers:             Margaret Paradis  
Music:               Craig Snider  
Audio/Visual:      David Paradis  
Chancel Ministry:   Sharon Zacchigna  
Sidespersons:       Bill Goodyer, John Snow

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

The Church of the Province of West Africa

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Camp Couchiching

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Stephanie; Owen; Bob Hill; Rose Court; Craig Snider & Family; Virginia; June Hinkson; The Bertelsen Family; Gail Jones; Boutier family; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Toby; Brody; Linda; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Peggy Russell; Lequita Adkins; Stephanie; Maggie Prentice; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Barb Semsch; Phil & Kathy C.; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.



## Pass The Word

July 31, 2022



### Men's Breakfast

Please join us at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August for our monthly men's breakfast at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street. Please contact Canon Simon at [priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca) for more information or to join the breakfast via Zoom.



## **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* St. Margaret's Women's Breakfast Club**

Starting third Wednesday of August (17<sup>th</sup>) -We will meet at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street at 8:30. Please contact Rev. Susan Snelling at [revsusan@roger.com](mailto:revsusan@roger.com) for more information or to join the breakfast via zoom.

### **Effect Hope**

“Effect Hope” (Leprosy Mission) continues to collect stamps. Thank you to St. Margaret's. Keep up the worthwhile work. Please mind your stamp borders (1/4” surround borders needed). There is a sample shown on the Leprosy Envelopes on the Anglican Bulletin Board in front of the office. Thank you for your help.

**Daily Devotions** – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St. Margaret's and Trinity – contact Norm Savill [nsavill@bell.net](mailto:nsavill@bell.net) to be included or check the parish websites.

### **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service. – Out for summer.

### **Messy Church**

Our next Messy Church will resume in September. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music, and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

### **Movie Nights**

**We are going to alternate between Friday and Thursday nights for movies as we have some who would like to come out but can't make it on Fridays.**

Friday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. – Movie Classic – Alfred Hitchcock's “**The Birds**”.

Thursday, **August 18**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**Death at a Funeral**”. This is the hysterical British version. Starring Ewen Bremner, Peter Dinklage, Matthew MacFadyen, Kris Marshal.

**\*\*\*We would really appreciate donations to the foodbank for Movie Nights.\*\*\***

### **Book Club**

We will resume book club in September.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: [michelle\\_e\\_sinclair@yahoo.ca](mailto:michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca) OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

### **Covid Update**

We have returned to the Green Phase in our Diocesan response to Covid. This means that all restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. This means that we will need to exercise our own discretion and care and that we will need to respect the choices that others make. We will do our utmost to retain a safe and healthy space for worship and community activities. We will reintroduce the Common Cup for the Eucharist and coffee hour after services in June once we have ironed out some of the logistics of what that will take. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry.

## **Covid Shot Update**

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. If you have already told us of your first two shots, thank you. If you have had any others since your 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, can you please bring in your confirmation showing the dates so we can update your record. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.