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Wednesday Service

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.
All: **May he fill our hearts with joy. Amen.**

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

All: **Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PSALMS

PSALM 119:97-120

Leader: Oh, how I love your law!
People: **I meditate on it all day long.**

Leader: Your commands are always with me
People: **and make me wiser than my enemies.**

Leader: I have more insight than all my teachers,
People: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

Leader: I have more understanding than the elders,
People: **for I obey your precepts.**

Leader: I have kept my feet from every evil path
People: **so that I might obey your word.**

Leader: I have not departed from your laws,
People: **for you yourself have taught me.**

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,
People: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Leader: I gain understanding from your precepts;
People: **therefore I hate every wrong path.**

Leader: Your word is a lamp for my feet,
People: **a light on my path.**

Leader: I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
People: **that I will follow your righteous laws.**

Leader: I have suffered much;
People: **preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.**

Leader: Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
People: **and teach me your laws.**

Leader: Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
People: **I will not forget your law.**

Leader: The wicked have set a snare for me,
People: **but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

Leader: Your statutes are my heritage forever;
People: **they are the joy of my heart.**

Leader: My heart is set on keeping your decrees
People: **to the very end.**

Leader: I hate double-minded people,
People: **but I love your law.**

Leader: You are my refuge and my shield;
People: **I have put my hope in your word.**

Leader: Away from me, you evildoers,
People: **that I may keep the commands of my God!**

Leader: Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live;
People: **do not let my hopes be dashed.**

Leader: Uphold me, and I will be delivered;
People: **I will always have regard for your decrees.**

Leader: You reject all who stray from your decrees,
People: for their delusions come to nothing.

Leader: All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross;
People: therefore I love your statutes.

Leader: My flesh trembles in fear of you;
People: I stand in awe of your laws.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:1-10

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:41-46

(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 Matthew
People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Susan Snelling

God who raised Christ from the dead, speak to us through word and thought so that your will may be done, and our nightmare give way to your dream for our world. Amen.

The reading from the book of Ephesians today is the opening greeting. It sets the tone for what is to follow. Much of the letter is dedicated to encouraging the people of Ephesus to get along in community, despite their differences. Perhaps the strongest plea is made in Chapter 4:1-6:

Unity in the Body of Christ

4 I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: 4 there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

So, to set the tone, the author of the letter reminds the people of the blessings God has bestowed on them. Words such as: blessed; chose; destined; redemption; forgiveness; lavished are used. The people had been set apart for a purpose. That purpose is revealed in the last two verses:

With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In other words, they are to set their sights on the end goal, the big picture and not get lost in minor details. Gentiles becoming Christians often had major lifestyle changes to navigate. They were adopting the ways of children of light instead of the ways of darkness as Paul puts it.

God has major plans for the people who identify as Christians. The continuation of the work that has been begun and carried out until this time. They have been chosen to be God's children. God's love and grace surround them. They have been redeemed and forgiven. They in turn are to exhibit God's grace and love in their lives and interactions with one another but also with others. Because they have been redeemed, they are to proclaim this possibility for everyone, telling about Jesus and his extraordinary life. Speaking about their experiences and increasing understanding of what God has done through the death and resurrection of Jesus for the world and in their lives. It is this work which will further God's plan as it has been passed on.

We in our Anglican Church and the larger church often finds itself in a place where we forget what God has passed onto us. We forget God's lavish blessings as if they are unimportant or we take them for granted. We

forget to reach out to others instead of gathering in small groups of like minded people. The political culture that we find ourselves in is toxic. But we are to live as children of the light.

In other words, we rise above behaviour that has negative consequences. Destructive anger, bullying, name calling, polarization, dehumanization, demonizing.

While it is tempting sometimes to resort to such behaviour because we find someone else's behaviour so outrageous, this leads to a spiral of desolation and devastation. Nothing good will come of it. Righteous anger can lead us to discover new ways of engaging in the conversation or removing ourselves from unsafe spaces and creating new spaces with different norms. We are at a crossroads, a major one, such as occurs periodically in history. We do have something to say about how this all unfolds.

Of course, sometimes taking the high road or sticking to our values and principles seems like a waste of our time and energy. But if we are living as God's children with grace and love searching for forgiveness and redemption then we are acting as God would have us act. God's followers are not Pollyannaesque, looking at the world through rose coloured glasses. But our joy comes from God's abiding presence with us in all situations and our courage comes from knowing that we are following God's intentions for ourselves and for the amazing creation around us. All things are being gathered up in the fullness of time.

This is a time for courage. Others before us, in our scriptures, saints throughout history, those unknown to us, have had to act with courage. Those first apostles who travelled into unknown territory eager to tell of God's love and the gift of Jesus Christ had courage. I think about the challenges they faced, the resources or lack of them compared to what we have today, the risks they took. They faced persecution, imprisonment and death. Their stories inspire.

In Jewish lore there is the idea of *tikkun olam* - the repair of the world. Seventeenth century Jewish mystic Isaac Luria told this story.

In the beginning the Creator of the universe, deciding to make a world, drew in the divine breath – contracted – in order to make room for the creation coming into being. In this enlarged space the Creator then set vessels and into the vessels poured the brilliance of the divine light. The light was too brilliant for the vessels, however, and unable to contain it, they shattered all over the universe. Since that time, the myth continues, the work of human beings has been to go about the universe, picking up the shards of creation and trying to mend and transform the vessels by refashioning them in a work known as “the repair of the world” (Judith Plaskow, *Standing Again at Sinai*)

God of grace and love

We pray that we may be filled with courage and joy

As we seek to serve you.

Help us in our work – the repair of the world.

To look for shards of light in the dark

To mend and transform them

As they mend and transform us. Amen

People: Amen

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#15 Litany)

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of Glory!")

Reader: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened; let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

All: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #3:

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: 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 thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this break and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unit us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD #8:

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All: **Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen**

THE DOXOLOGY:

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

NOTICES:

BLESSING:

Officiant: 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.**

DISMISSAL:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Assisting today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Susan Snelling

Video: Dr. Amy Pauley

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

Brody; Lequita Adkins; Peggy Russell & Family; Pat Ellis; Rineke Semsch; Linda; Gerry Anderson's Family; Don Cuccio and family; Georgina Ferguson & Family; Daphne Hellard's Family; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Matthew Canning; Bill Canning; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Sharron Snider; 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:

Brenda; Gail Jones; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; Steve & Jade; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Elizabeth Cresswell; Martin Bertelsen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Marco Romita & Rose; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; 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.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Los Angeles (The Episcopal Church)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Chapel of St. George, Gore's Landing

Pass The Word

May 25, 2022

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

Sunday School

We are open again! 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church date is May 28th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

Yard Sale

We are planning a church yard sale for Saturday the 4th of June. We will send out more information closer to the time, but please put this date in your calendar and hold on to things we might be able to sale. Contact Beth Steffler for more information.

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, **June 10th**, 7:00 p.m.– Movie – “**At Bertram's Hotel**”, starring Joan Hinkson as Miss Marple.

Thursday, **June 23rd**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**The First Wives Club**”, a comedy starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton.

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

Book Club

Thursday, **June 16**, 1:30 p.m. at church to discuss “**Indians on Vacation**”, author- **Thomas King**.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

Summer Day Camp

We will be resuming our summer Day Camp. It will be held **July 25th to July 29th**. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible as space is limited and it will be a first come first served basis. Price \$15.00 per day.

Mini Meals Sale – Trinity ACW

Trinity ACW do a fundraiser for local Barrie charities by selling prepared meals. They include: **Shepherd's Pies** -Lg. \$7.00/ Sm. \$5.00; **Meat Pies** – Lg. (6") pie - \$7.00/ Sm. (4") pie - \$5.00; **Soups** - Squash, asparagus, beef barley, or bean and bacon -- \$6.00; **Potato Pancakes**, 2 per pkg. - \$1.00. Please **call Mae at 705 734 1888** to place your order and arrange for pickup. Pickup is also available after Church on Sundays but must be ordered ahead.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL NEWS FLASH!!!

We are seeing good things happening, here, at St. Margaret's. The COVID restrictions are being lifted, attendance is increasing on Sundays and there is a light that is promising good things to come for the balance of the year.

Our expense budget is focused on a slow start with a gradual build to year end. We are keenly aware of the dollars needed to drive the programs, the Clergy and staff and other operating costs. We are confident with our expense numbers. Revenue is what we need!

FIRST QUARTER RESULTS – Q 1 – 2022

Did you know? 77% of annual revenue (congregation)
Main methods are Envelopes & PAG
Monthly budgeted - \$14,753

Expected PAG & Envelope as of March 31st 2022
\$44,257

Actual PAG & Envelope as of March 31st 2022
\$35,027

Revenue Shortfall as of March 31st 2022
(\$9,230)

Your Stewardship Committee