



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

August 29, 2021

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeters/sidespersons: Elaine Watters, June Hall

Prelude *Siciliano*, John Stanley (1712-1786)

Sentence: The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be of a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**Opening Hymn (organ only)** Immortal, Invisible, vs. 1 & 4

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

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.

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Kyrie Eleison**

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

### **The Collect**

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**    **Song of Solomon 2.8-13**      Reader: William McCullough

A Reading from the Song of Solomon:

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love,

my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 45.1-2, 7-10**

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## **Second Reading James 1.17-27**

A Reading from the Letter of James:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*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**

Intercessor: William McCullough

## **Confession & 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,

*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.**

*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.**

## **Offertory Hymn (organ only)** Giver of the Perfect Gift, v. 1 & 5

Giver of the perfect gift,  
only hope of human race,  
hear the prayer our hearts uplift  
trembling at thy throne of grace.

God the holy Trinity,  
grant the mercy we implore;  
God the One, all praise to thee  
through the ages evermore.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Merciful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices

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* Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one

all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant* And 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.**

*Silence*

## **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.**

## **The Communion**

**Agnus Dei (whispered quietly)**

**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.**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (*for those who choose not to receive Communion*)

*Celebrant* Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already**

**come, I embrace you, and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*You are free to leave after receiving the Sacrament, or saying the Prayer for Spiritual Communion, if you wish. Go forth with God's grace and blessing. We will continue with the service for those who wish to remain.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May your holy food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Doxology & Blessing**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God and of his Son,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you and the ones you love

now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ)** Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs, vs. 1 & 4

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

The whole creation joins in one,  
to bless the sacred name  
of God that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb!

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*Rev. Shelly* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude    *Kanon in B-*, Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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# Announcements

**Welcome back!** – We are excited to be reopening today. We will continue to follow Diocesan guidelines during our services: screening, masks, and physical distancing are mandatory. No singing is permitted at this time. We will continue to have our virtual coffee hour on Zoom (see link below.) \*\*Please note that as COVID-19 numbers change, we may have to return to online services.

**Welcome to St. George's, Ajax** – We are delighted to welcome parishioners from St. George's, Ajax, to our service today.

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back at 12:30 PM on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.  
Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

**Wednesday Service on Zoom Resumes Sept 1** – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 am. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.  
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