



St. Martin's Anglican Church

September 26, 2021

10:00 AM

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters/Sidespersons: Peter & Anne Davidson

We honour the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations who lived, worked and played on the land upon which our church stands. These First Peoples still live and walk here among us today. We acknowledge and thank all Indigenous groups for their commitment to protect the land and its resources.

Prelude *Aria*, G.P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Sentence: Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

Opening Hymn (organ only) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs. 1 & 6

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
For he is thy health and salvation;
All ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:

Gladly for aye we adore him.

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

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
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

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22

Reader: Rev. Richard Newland

A Reading from the Book of Esther:

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of

feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; R

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. R

Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading James 5.13-20

A Reading from the Letter of James:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Reading Mark 9.38-50

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.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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: The Rev. Richard Newland

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) How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, vs.
1 & 5**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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. **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, or are following the service online)*

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 Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
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) Let Us with a Gladsome Mind, vs. 1 & 2

Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Who with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Rev. Shelly Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Canzona*, Johann Kerll (1627-1693)

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Announcements

Important reminders – We are grateful to continue in-person worship together. 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.

Vaccination Policy - As announced in last week's pastoral letter from Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Diocese is introducing a policy that requires clergy, diocesan employees and volunteers, and parish employees and volunteers to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19, effective September 30th. The full policy is now available on the diocesan website (www.toronto.anglican.ca). We have contacted volunteers who are currently working on-site, and the list will expand later to include groups as they return to meeting in the church building.

Change to Midweek Service this week on Zoom – This week's midweek prayer service will be on **Tuesday, September 28 at 10:15 AM**, NOT Wednesday. 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.

Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

Blessing of the Animals – Next Sunday, October 3rd at 2 PM on Zoom. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87112068724>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.

Meeting ID: 871 1206 8724

Online Faith Formation – On Tuesdays at 7PM, from September 21st to October 26th, we are offering the program *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. During this six-week offering, participants are invited to draw close to the God revealed in and through Jesus by meditating on the words of a daily verse from John the Evangelist. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84589524279>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.

Meeting ID: 845 8952 4279

Holly Bazaar Update: Save the Date! – Exciting news! Our Holly Bazaar will be in-person at St. Martin's on Saturday, November 13th, 9AM – 1 PM.

We are requesting **donations of clean, gently used treasures, as well as handcrafted items such as tea towels, dishcloths, preserves etc., AND items for our popular Bottle Boutique game (wine, dish/hand soap, condiments – anything that comes in a bottle!!)** We will be accepting your donations at the church in the north parking lot on **Saturday, October 2nd from 10 AM to 12 PM**, as well as every Sunday at 11 AM through the month of October.

****Please note that we will not be accepting books, clothing, VHS tapes, or stuffed animals****

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

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