



St. Martin's Anglican Church

September 18, 2022

10:00 AM

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Pickering, but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis Nation, continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Greeters/Sidespersons: June Hall/Elaine Watters

Celebrant: The Rev. Shelly Pollard

Prelude: *Come, Sweetest Death*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sentence: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

Opening Hymn 372 – Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O generous love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail:

and that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine;
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine;

who in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his followers, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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,
All **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 Eleison

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

Reader: Peter Davidson

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm- Sung by the Choir

PSALM 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire for ever? Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.

For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

Second Reading 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation by Choir

Gospel Reading LUKE 16:1-13

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Rev. Shelly Pollard

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: Elaine Watters

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 439 – Blest are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King,

still to the lowly soul
his presence doth impart
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony

with all your creation,
for the sake 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 (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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

Celebrant Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

The Communion

Agnus Dei (sung)

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace,
give us your 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.

Communion Hymn 64 – Author of Life Divine

Author of life divine,
who hast a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread,
preserve the life thyself hast given,
preserve the life thyself hast given,
and feed and train us up for heaven.

Our needy souls sustain
with fresh supplies of love,
till all thy life we gain,
and all thy fullness prove,
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
behold without a veil thy face.

Choir Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Ruler of the universe,
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same 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 374 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay:
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest:
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Nimrod (Enigma Variations)* *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

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Announcements

Welcome! – We are grateful to continue in-person worship together. We will still follow Diocesan guidelines, which currently include the **optional** wearing of masks. Those who wish to maintain physical distancing during services may sit in a designated section. Please conduct a self-screening before coming to church. Singing of hymns is permitted.

Coffee Hour – Please join us after the service for refreshments. We need volunteers to sign up to host Coffee Hour after the service. Please consider signing up to host and speak to Linda Strickland if you have any questions.

Prayer Shawls

If you or anyone you know would like a prayer shawl or a lap blanket, please speak to Rev. Shelly or Gail Henderson. We can help you select one to be blessed.

Steam-up Sunday is back! - September 18th

The Social Committee is happy to announce that Steam-up Sunday returns on Sunday, September 18 after the church service. There will be a light lunch and the Committee/Ministry food competition will also take place. Dust off your favourite recipes for cookies - any kind!

Faith Formation - September 20th

We will begin a new Faith Formation book study on Phyllis Tickle's book *The Great Emergence*. Tickle was an Episcopal Theologian who was a leading authority on matters of faith and the church. There will be two ways in which to participate in this book study. The first will be on Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 7pm. The second will be on Wednesday's, in person, after the 10:15am service, beginning on September 21st. Please let Rev. Shelly know if you would like to participate. The book can be purchased at various retailers or online.

Save the Date for the Holly Bazaar – Saturday, November 12 from 9-1pm

We are happy to announce that the Holly Bazaar will take place this year, in person, on Saturday, November 12 from 9-1 pm and will feature all the favourites, including the Bake Table, Granny's Attic, Café-by-the Bay, Jewelry Table, Bottle Boutique and lots more! Tell your friends, family and neighbours and mark your calendars for the shopping event of the year! There will be more information in the coming weeks.

Holly Bazaar Donation Items

The Bazaar will feature the popular Granny's Attic again this year. We are requesting items of gently used treasures, handcrafted items, such as tea towels, blankets, dishcloths, preserves and jams AND items for our popular Bottle Boutique game (Wine, dish/hand soap, condiments – anything that comes in a bottle!!!)

Please no clothing, books or videotapes.

You can bring your donations to the church on Sundays beginning on Sunday, September 25 and every Sunday until November 6.

If you have any questions, please see Lee or Denise

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