



November 19, 2023

10:00 AM

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome Team: Ellen C, Tom & Darlene W, and Art S

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.

Celebrant: The Rev. Shelly Pollard

Guest Organist: Alexandria Weiss

Prelude:

Sentence: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15:5*

Opening Hymn: Rejoice Today with One Accord
Rejoice today with one accord,
sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
whose arm hath brought salvation.
His works of love proclaim
the greatness of his name,
for he is God alone
who hath his mercy shown:
let all his saints adore him!

When in distress to him we cried,
he heard our sad complaining.
O trust in him, what'er betide;
his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise
to him our hearts shall raise;
now every voice shall say,
"O praise our God alway";
let all his saints adore him!

*CP 318 Rejoice Today with One Accord. Text: Henry William Baker (1821-1877)
Music: Melody Martin Luther (1483-1546). Alt.; harm. Composite of setting
by Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1904.
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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.

All: 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

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Judges 4:1-7

Reader: June H

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

Celebrant: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

Celebrant: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Celebrant: Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader: Pat D

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**Gospel***Please stand as you are able for the Gospel***Gospel Acclamation** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*Sing A New Creation*

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Sing A New Creation 192**Music: Melody Caribbean trad.; arr John L. Bell, 1990**Arr. © 1190 WGRG c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. CCLI Licence #11469691***Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Sing A New Creation

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sing A New Creation 192

Reflection: **Faithworks Presentation** Peter Davidson, Faithworks Team Lead

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

Enid B

Confession & Absolution

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

Moment of Silence

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.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Come unto me and rest;

lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was,

so weary, worn, and sad;

I found him in a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Behold, I freely give

the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“I am this dark world’s light;

look unto me; your morn shall rise,

and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun;

and in that light of life I’ll walk

till traveling days are done.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that
draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: 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.

Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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.

CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.

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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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Moment of Silence

Breaking of the Bread

BAS 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

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, grant us peace.

*CP 745 Lamb of God. Music: Becket Gerald Senchur (1946-).
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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: 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:

All: 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: Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Any one who eats this bread,
will live for ever.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

CP 63-Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Text: John 6.35-51; para. Robert J. Batastini (1942-) and the Taize Community (France), 1984.

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Communion Hymn: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Jesus call us here to meet him,
as through word and song and prayer
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all.
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language –
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

CP 59- Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him.

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

All: 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.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

CP 306- O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

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*Welcome to our guest organist,
Alexandra Weiss.*

*Thank you for sharing your gift of
music with us.*

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