

September 12, 2021 10am

The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost and Blessing of the
Backpacks



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Brian Suggs
Preaching: The Reverend Patrick McManus
Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Prelude:

We Love The Place, O God (Quam Dilecta)

Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

Peter Mayers, organ

Welcome:

The Greeting:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity:

Presider: 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.**

Song of Praise:
Gloria in Excelsis
Tune: Laus Deo (#326)

**Glory be to God in heaven,
Peace on earth in all our days!
King and Lord, almighty Father,
Praise and blessing now we raise:**

**Lamb of God, O Lord most holy,
Jesus, take our sins away;
You are seated with the Father,
Hear our voices as we pray:**

**Jesus, you are Lord and Saviour,
You alone the Holy One,
With the Holy Spirit blessed
And the Father on the throne.**

Back to School Blessing:

God of fresh starts and new beginnings,
we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.
Last year was different from what we expected.

We couldn't see our friends or play on playgrounds,
we learned at home, in masks six feet apart, or both.

In all these changes, we may have felt sad and alone.

God, our friend who comforts us, hold us close and wipe our
tears.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and
pointy crayons,

and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions,
and hopeful expectations.

There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring

of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

Be with us as we join our classes virtually.

Be with us as we ride the bus.

Be with us as we walk.

Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.

However we get there, and whatever we wear,

bless this journey into something new.

For the grown-ups going back to school,

With-Us God, be with them too.

Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders,

and for all they do to help us learn and grow.

God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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 OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading:

James 3:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Gradual Hymn:
You Are the Christ, O Lord**
Tune: Darwall (#323)

**You are the Christ, O Lord,
The Son of God most high!
For ever be adored that Name
In earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail!**

**Oh! Peter was most blest
With blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ!
For of your Church, Lord, you made known
This saint a true foundation-stone.**

**You are the Christ, O Lord,
The Son of God most high!
For ever be adored that Name
In earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail!**

~The Right Reverend Dr. William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark.

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

Gospeller: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon:
The Reverend Patrick McManus

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Apostles' Creed:

Presider: Let us confess the faith.

***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.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People:
*For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community,
the sick and those in need, for the departed,
and for the forgiveness of our sins.*

Confession and Absolution

Presider: 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.

Please kneel as you are able.

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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:

*Having prayed for God's grace and peace for us and the world,
we offer an exchange of peace with one another and,
as you are comfortable, you may use the live chat to say, "Peace be with you"
to others participating online.*

Presider: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

cf. Colossians 3.15

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn 431:

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Tune: Breslau

It's during the singing of this hymn that we would normally be giving our offerings. You can click here to give your offering through Canada Helps.

<https://allsaintskingsway.ca/give>

**"Take up your cross," the Saviour said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me."**

**Take up your cross; let not its weight
Fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish pride be still;
Your Lord for you endured to die
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave:
'Twill guide you to a better home
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

~The Reverend Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining 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.**

Presider: 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."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread 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.
Unite 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:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: **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 the Bread:

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God:

Mass of St. Denis (#701)

Barrie Cabena (b.1933)

Cantor: Charlotte Stewart-Juby

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

'Spiritual Communion' has a long tradition in the Anglican Church, and indeed in the larger Christian tradition. The practice of spiritual communion is found in the office of the Communion of the Sick in our 1962 Book of Common Prayer (p. 584), a rubric retained from the Archbishop Cranmer's first Prayer Book (1549) and subsequent revisions. We believe that this current Covid-19 global pandemic, and the governmental and health restrictions that we are currently experiencing, would certainly constitute a "just impediment" to receiving the sacrament "by mouth". This prayer is to be said by those who can't receive in person, but wish to join, in communion, with those doing so.

People: **My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and never let me be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

Interludes:

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Charlotte Stewart-Juby, soprano

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

~Psalm 5:8

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Doxology:

Presider: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing:

Presider: May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

cf. Ephesians 3.15-19

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go forth in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God (Psalm 19)

Benedetto Marcello (1636-1739)

Peter Mayers, organ

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of her husband Joe, given by Cathie Figueira

and

*in loving memory of her parents Jessie and Walter, and her sister, Joyce,
given by Ivadele Goode*

and

*in loving memory of Olive, Don, and Murray Airhart, given by Linda
Kiss*

*Please notify the Clergy
if you know of anyone who is ill
or otherwise in need of pastoral care.
Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy,
as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.*

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