September 1, 2024 10am

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus

Preaching: The Reverend Brian Suggs

Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

#### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community which celebrates and enacts the love of God in our common life of prayer and service in this neighbourhood.

Children are full members of our church and we welcome their presence and participation in our worship.

Please feel free to sit at any time during the celebration.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (1)

Tune: Nicaea

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

Gloria: **To God Be the Glory (371)**William H. Doan

To God be the glory, who great things has done! God so loved the world freely sending the Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear God's voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give God the glory, who great things has done!

#### Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept

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 OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading:
Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Reader: Anne Layton

Reader: 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 turtle-dove 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 Tune: Morecambe (558) Please remain seated

My heart is stirred by grand and noble things, As I recite my verses for the king. My tongue is like a skillful writer's pen, Ready it stands to sing and to recite.

You are the fairest of all noble men, Since you are blessed, your lips are full of grace. Your throne, O God, endures forever more, Scepter of righteousness and majesty.

You love true justice, and to evil hate, God has anointed, ruler over men. In splendor great, his hand will thee provide, And with the oil of joy above them all.

# Second Reading: **James 1:17-27**

Reader: Jamie Isbister

*Reader:* 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.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.



## The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

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: Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 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.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sing) Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Sermon: *The Reverend Brian Suggs* 

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:

Intercessor: Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

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: **How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord (466)** 

Tune: Repton

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca

How clear is our vocation, Lord When once we heed your call; To live according to your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored, That you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear; If worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind Its tangled skein of care, our inward life repair.

We mark your saints, how they became In hindrances more sure,

Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear your name And by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to you,
The cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: 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 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 with the angels to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (719)

Tune: Land of Rest

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, 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."

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.

All:

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: Music for the Lord's Supper McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)



#### 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.

Song for the Breaking of Bread: I Come with Joy (60)

Tune: Land of Rest

I come with joy, a child of God, Forgiven, loved, and free, The life of Jesus to recall, In love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud division ends, The love that made us makes us one, And strangers now are friends.

#### The Communion:

As we come to communion, we have reintroduced the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to take of it; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

### Communion Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee, Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain: (R)
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see,
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (R)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. (R)

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: 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.

THE SENDING OUT

We now go into the world declaring the good news of Jesus Christ

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.

Parish Announcements:

Please be seated

Celebrations:

Polychronia (Many Years)
Tune: Tallis' Canon (#14)

As part of our blessing and dismissal, we acknowledge anyone who has a thanksgiving, birthday, anniversary etc. this month – any good news!

Presider: Let us call down God's blessing! Cantor: God give you many, many years

To thank him for his blessings here; And many, many, many more To pray God still his grace to pour.

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.

# Closing Hymn: The Love of Jesus Calls Us (434)

Tune: Aurelia

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing, Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received, And for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be Companions on a journey, where all the world may see, That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy, Where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where He would go, To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more, For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways, That God with men and women may so transform the earth, That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

The Dismissal:

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go forth

serve the world God loves.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

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

in loving memory of Wilfred, Myrtle, Clayton, Edward and David Dyke, given by Donna Firman (Dyke).

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if you know of anyone who is ill
or otherwise in need of pastoral care.
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as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.



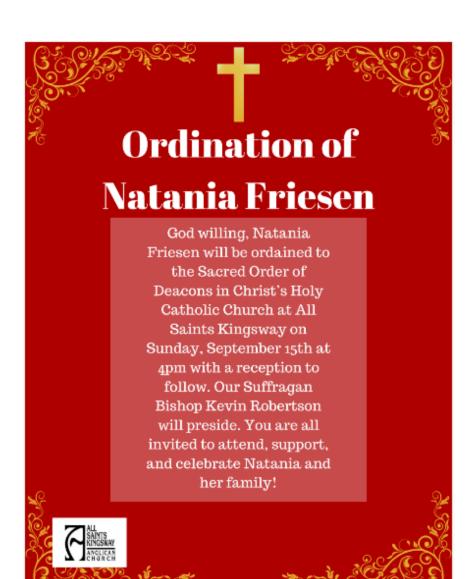
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