

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
METCALFE, ON.
OCTOBER 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Thanksgiving
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Officiant: We acknowledge that the parish Church of Holy Trinity sits on unceded territory of the Algonquin and Mohawk Peoples.

All: **May we live together in harmony and peace.**

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.**

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Celebrant: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading - A Reading From The Book Of Joel 2:21-27

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us.

and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes. O Lord,

like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears

will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading A READING FROM 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people **2** for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. **3** This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, **4** who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. **7** And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

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

Leader: Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work. God, the beginning and end of all things, you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your children your will may be done according to your wise and loving purpose in Jesus, the Lord of all life...

People: **hear our prayer**

Leader: We pray for all those through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers and distributors; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon one another, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before the desires of our selves. Lord of all creation,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We pray for all those engaged in research to safeguard crops and livestock from disease and to produce abundant food for those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Prosper the works of their hands and minds that their labour may be for the welfare and benefit of all. Lord of all wisdom,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We pray for governments and aid agencies and for those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation. By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all those who love in comfortable plenty, and make us all wise stewards of all your gifts. Lord of all justice,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We pray for all those who are ill, remembering those in hospitals and care facilities, and for all those known to us, especially thinking of Howard, Irene, Graham, Marjorie, Roy, Zachariah, Cheryl, Jeanette, Kirsten and their families. We pray for the caregivers and all frontline workers who work for the well-being of others. Lord of all compassion,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We remember Lord those who have died whom we entrust to your eternal love and for those who are dying that they may have a share in the resurrection promise of your Son Jesus. Lord of all life,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the power of the Spirit at work within us and this community others may receive a rich harvest of love, joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We pray for the volunteers of Anglican Pastoral Care, Ottawa Hospital, Civic and General Campuses with the Reverend Di Jaggassar, Chaplain, and Deacon Steve Zytveld, Coordinator of Anglican Volunteers.

In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, we pray for St. Luke's Church, Marka, Jordan and for St. John's and St. Luke's, Haifa, Israel.

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfill your wise and loving purpose in us and in all those for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give you the praise and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen (from re:Worship)

Confession and 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.

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

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

All: **And also with you.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life, the heavens and the earth are yours, yet you have given us stewardship over all things. Receive these symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day in the name of Jesus.

All: **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist - Eucharistic Prayer 4

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Breaking of the 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.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: God of our hope, in this Eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Dearest Lord, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care for us and for your sacrifice in order that we might have freedom and life in abundance. Forgive us when we don't thank you enough for who you are, or all that you do and for all that you have given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh each new day.

Renew our spirits and fill us with your peace and joy. Lord, we love you and we need you today and always. So, today and always may we give you praise and thanks and glory; for you alone are Lord of lords and King of kings. Alleluia!

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 our understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the love and knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and yours and with those you love and those who love you this day and always.

Amen