

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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Celebrant: As we gather here this morning to worship our God in music and word, we remember that this sacred space and the places we call our homes are located on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe people.

All: **May we continue our journey together in a spirit of hope, trust and reconciliation.**

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.**

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.**

All: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: God of Justice, your word is light and truth. Let your face shine on us to restore us, that we may walk in your way, seeking justice and doing good.

All: **Amen.** Source: RCL Thematic

Reader: A reading from Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me

since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Our psalm for today is Psalm 33: 12-22

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.

All: **From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;**

Reader: from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

All: **he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.**

Reader: No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

All: **A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

Reader: But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

All: **to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

Reader: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

All: **In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**

Reader: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Reader: A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them.

They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (LUKE 12:32-40)

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

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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.

Reader : Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family .

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Reader: We pray for those in our parish family Marjorie, Scott, Howard, Irene, Roy, Zachariah, Sarah, Cheryl, Jeanette, and all those we hold in our hearts - that the Lord will comfort and sustain them.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum. We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse. We pray for St. Clare's, North Dundas and The Reverend Stephanie McWatt and for St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, St. Mary's, Navan and Holy Trinity, Bearbrook and all who minister there. We also pray for the residents, staff and chaplains of the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers.

Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

All: **Amen**

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. 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.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: God of judgement and grace, you ask not for sacrifices but lives of trusting faith that acknowledge your power and mercy. Give us faith as deep and strong as Abraham's and Sarah's, that we may always offer that to you and follow you through all our days as did Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise 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.**

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

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.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: The body of Christ

People: **Amen**

Celebrant: Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: God of Abraham and Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us toward faith in you. May your coming among us find our doors open, our tables set in the Eucharist, and all your people ready to greet you.

All: **Amen**

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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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