

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Invitation to Worship

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: We acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation.

All: **In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and uphold our continuing responsibility as treaty people.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest

People: **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.

Celebrant: Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people,

that richly bearing the fruit of good works,

we may by you be richly rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

Reader: A Reading From The Book Of Proverbs

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. (22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23) The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Our Psalm for today is Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

All: **Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.**

Reader: The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

All: **Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.**

Reader: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

All: **Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.**

Reader: A reading from the Letter Of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

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 Mark (7:24-37)

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

Celebrant: Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily The Reverend Tom Hubschmid

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: **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 offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a pastoral people, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour, showing his love and mercy to all we know.

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

Reader: We pray for Shane our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. We pray for Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as our Community Ministries: Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, Refugee Ministry and Belong Ottawa: Centre 454; St Luke's Table; The Well, and Centre 105. For St. James, Leitrim and The Reverend Nash Smith and for All Saints, Greely and The Reverend Margo Whittaker.

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

Reader: We pray for Charles our King, remembering that this time last year Charles acceded to the throne of England. We pray for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, especially our nation of Canada as election season looms: that the people of this country may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

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

Reader: We pray for this village of Metcalfe and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

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

Reader: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

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

Reader: We pray for those in our parish family who have asked for prayers: Kelly, Marjorie, Louise, Liesa, Randy, Beth, Howard, Irene, Richard, Deb, Jeanette, Cheryl, Zachariah and those known to you alone.

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

Reader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

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

Reader: Almighty God, thank you for the faithful service of those you appointed to go ahead of you to spread your love and your message to those around them. We pray that you would help us to do our part to continue sharing your love and message to those around us: in our parishes and community where you have put us. Guide us to the places where you want us to go and bless our efforts to further your kingdom here on earth. In your holy name we pray, All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: We pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda James, beloved wife of Trevor, loving mother of Taylor, and dear daughter of Howard and Irene.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

All: **And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

Celebrant: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And we pray for Brenda's family – that God would bring consolation and healing in

their grief.

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.

All: **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.

May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **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.

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Celebrant: 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.
People: **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.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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: God be your comfort, your strength. God be your hope and support.

God be your light and your way.

And the blessing of God,

Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be upon you and remain with you now and forever,

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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