

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe  
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
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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: 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.

All: **Amen**

Reader: A Reading From The Book Of Proverbs

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she  
cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you  
love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster." PROVERBS 1:20-33

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Our Psalm for today is Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,

All: **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

Reader: One day tells its tale to another,

All: **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Reader: Although they have no words or language,

All: **and their voices are not heard,**

Reader: Their sound has gone out into all lands,

All: **and their message to the ends of the world.**

Reader: In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;

All: **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

Reader: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

All: **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Reader: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

All: **the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

Reader: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

All: **the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Reader: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;

All: **the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

Reader: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

All: **sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Reader: By them also is your servant enlightened,

All: **and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Reader: Who can tell how often he offends?

All: **cleans me from my secret faults.**

Reader: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

All: **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

Reader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

All: **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

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. JAMES 3:1-12

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 (8:27-38)

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

Celebrant: 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."

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 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. Where there is conflict, bring understanding. Where there is hurt, bring healing. When our leaders fail, may you build up your faithful people. In our Anglican cycle, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, the Rt Rev Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the Ministry of Reconciliation. We pray for St. Mary’s, Russell, and The Reverend Tom Hubschmid, for university and college campus chaplains, and for vocations to the diaconate, the priesthood and religious life.

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

Reader: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Where there is war, may your grace and presence be felt among the suffering, especially in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine.

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

Reader: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. Where there is strife with our neighbours, build bridges and give us tender hearts. Help us to see your face in all people, especially the outcast.

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. Help farmers as the time of harvest draws near. May our national leaders respond urgently to the climate crisis.

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.

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

Reader: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. For those struggling with depression, addiction, and trauma, may the wounds of Jesus bring healing, and his resurrection bring new beginnings. 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: 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: 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: 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: 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.

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. 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: 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.

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: May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you,  
the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect and bring you safely through  
this day and the blessing of God almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**