

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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Invitation to Worship

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.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us be grateful for the land on which we gather to worship today and acknowledge it as the ancestral, unceded territory of our neighbours the Algonquin-Anishinaabe.

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: God, who is faithful
when all the foundations crumble:
in the time of crisis,
as holy places fall and nations stumble,
give us the conviction to bear witness to your love, whatever the cost;
through Jesus Christ, your Word and Wisdom.

All: **Amen**

The Proclamation of The Word

Reader: A Reading From The Book Of Isaiah

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. ISAIAH 65:17-25

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Canticle 3 - A Song Of Thanksgiving

Surely, it is God who saves me;

All: **I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

Reader: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,

All: **and he will be my Saviour.**

Reader: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

All: **from the springs of salvation.**

Reader: And on that day you shall say,

All: **Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;**

Reader: make his deeds known among the peoples;

All: **see that they remember that his name is exalted.**

Reader: Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

All: **and this is known in all the world.**

Reader: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

All: **for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

CANTICLE 3, BAS (ISAIAH 12:2-6)

Reader: A Reading From The Second Letter Of Paul To The Thessalonians
Now we command you, beloved in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please Remain Standing for The Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:5-19)

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

Celebrant: When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against

kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily - Gaining Your Soul
(Luke 21:5-19)

Holy and Loving God, our Creator and our Redeemer, by the power of your grace make us patient in the world. Amen.

Can you believe that people who lived before modern medicine and air-travel and motor vehicles and telephones and computers and television—they didn't feel like they were missing anything. For example, there was this absolute hero of a Cree chief from the Canadian prairies back in the late 1800s. His name was Big Bear. Big Bear was friends with a Scots-Cree man named James Simpson, whose father ran Hudson's Bay Company. For whatever reasons, Simpson wasn't going to inherit the Company. In one telling of the story, Big Bear says to Simpson, "What more would you need? You'll grow rich trading with me." They had buffalo. They had prairie. They had horses. They had tea. They had teepees, long houses, cabins. Wool and animal skins for clothing. Fire for heat. Meanwhile, they didn't have Tylenol, or dentistry. Giving birth wasn't far from a death sentence. Travel took days, weeks, months. Simpson went to school in Montreal, so he had a taste of where modern life was going, for better and for worse. But to Big Bear's mind, there's nothing Simpson could want that Big Bear couldn't get him.

Meanwhile, we moderns have things ancient peoples never dreamed of or thought they might need. But it's clear also that they lacked something, and, to this day, the modern world still doesn't have it; and, in fact, the modern world might be further than ever from getting it. Our souls.

As Jesus tells his disciples about their world falling apart and their people turning on them, he says, "By your endurance,"—some translate it, "By your patience"—"you will gain your souls." Now, the typical interpretation of this saying would be that when his disciples die, by

keeping faith, their souls would loose from their bodies, and rise to Heaven. But heaven isn't in the text; when it talks about souls, it's talking about our souls now. Jesus predicts the fall of ancient Jerusalem. And, sure enough, it happened not long after he Ascended. In 70 AD the Roman army besieged Jerusalem, slaughtered many of the Jews, and pulled down what many considered the most beautiful piece of architecture in the ancient near-east: the Jewish Temple. Where we start reading today, Jesus completely buzz-kills his disciples as they look in awe at their country's most prized building. Imagine if Parliament Hill was also the temple of a national religion—in fact for some Canadians it's the closest thing to them as a temple. You're marvelling at the exquisite gothic revival architecture, the beauty of the round, peeked Library of Parliament, with its flying buttresses; you see the maple leaf flapping in the Canadian winter air—you're wearing red plaid—and you're taking a moment to glory in the majesty of your country. Now, imagine like the disciples would have, that with Jesus, the Messiah, you're soon to kick out all the corrupt leaders in parliament, and establish a new era of justice and goodness and integrity, and, that your little Kingdom will become the strongest power on earth, to which all nations and kings will bow, even your despised foreign occupiers. You're excited. Jesus has been having public debates, putting the leaders to shame; it's all over YouTube. Jordan Peterson is asking for Jesus' 12 Rules for Life. Campaign signs are popping up, saying "Prime Minister Jesus." Publishers are calling with book deals. Reporters are asking about his platform. The future of has arrived. And as the disciples walk with Jesus out of the Temple square, the crowd buzzing with excitement about Jesus, they pause for a second to marvel at the glory and beauty of their Temple, their future seat of power for Jesus' Kingdom. And Jesus shakes his head and says with frustration and grief: "not one stone will be left on another; all will be thrown down."

Oh...not where they thought this was going.

"You will be hated by all because of my name," He goes on to tell them. "But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." Some translate it, "By your patience you will keep your life."

The disciples didn't realise what they really needed from life. Not control of the government. Not even acceptance by their people. Much less ease of life in an affluent nation. They thought they were going to be comfortable—comfortable for their standards—which were awful compared to our era of six-figure salaries, shopping malls, and anti-aging therapy, and modern medicine. In fact, the disciples thought they'd have more than what Big Bear would have considered fabulously rich. But still they didn't have what Jesus wanted for us, and which he could actually deliver them—as much in their ancient time as in our advanced modern time. Our souls!

Soul...

When I say soul I'm not talking about a some see-through version of you that lives in your body. I'm talking spiritual vitality. I'm talking about whatever in us let us feel a powerful joy and peace, a powerful love and kindness, a powerful faith and hope. I'm talking in the soul-singer kinda way, of have you got soul? When you meet a person changed by Jesus, you can tell: that person's got soul! A person with soul is rich in a way no country can give! A person with soul doesn't depend on what the big-shots are selling or what the suits in parliament are promising.

You know what's wrong with most of us Christians today? We keep waiting for businesses and administrations to make the world a better place. And it's true! They should. But a country can never be what it should be if its leaders and people don't have soul. Just when Jesus' disciples thought they were going to start living well, Jesus bursts their bubble and predicts what actually happened to the early Christians, and what still happens to Christians in some countries today. "They will arrest you and persecute you." "You will be betrayed by your parents and brothers; and they will put some of you to death." And right after saying some of them will be put to death, Jesus has the audacity to say, "But not a hair of your head will perish."

Why? Because in the very furnace of persecution and death, patience and endurance forged soul in them.

"By your endurance, you will gain your souls!" Cards on the table: I'm speaking about this because, if you are tuned into the news, or the national conversation in any way right now, the message you will always receive is that a growing economy will deliver a better life for Canadians. But can a growing economy ever deliver soul? What does it look like to be people with soul? We should be as challenged as the disciples when Jesus, with his face set on the cross, tells us that our souls are gained not through ease but endurance and patience.

Amen.

Silence For Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

Prayers of the People

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 royal priesthood, a holy people, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, as well as our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation. We pray for 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 the Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester and The Rev. Simone Hurkmans. We pray for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for King Charles, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, especially in the face of hurricane destruction, civil wars, and Russia's attack on Ukraine: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for 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. We pray also for those on our prayer list: Liesa, Willy, Marjorie, Kelly, Louise, Zabrina, Zachariah, Randy, Deb, Richard, Irene, Howard, Beth, Jeanette and Cheryl: that you will be their help and defence.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those preparing for baptism, and those drawing near to the light of faith, and for those who wish to believe in Jesus but are kept away by the failed witness of your church: that they may be strengthened in the faith.

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.**

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.

Silence is kept.

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.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

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.

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.

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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been
nourished by holy things bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

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.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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