

EASY PRINT – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 17, 2023

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Please rise in body or spirit and sing

Processional Hymn: #486 – “LOVE DIVINE, ALL EXCELLING”

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: 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 Exodus.

Please be seated

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 14.19-31

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm# 114

Please remain seated

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



Cantor: When Israel came out of Egypt the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.
Refrain

Cantor: The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep. *Refrain*

Cantor: What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? You mountains, that you skipped like rams? You little hills like your sheep. *Refrain*

Cantor: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, at the presence of the Holy One of Jacob. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Please be seated

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 14.1-12

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation: #715

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

The Congregation sings the "Alleluias". The Cantor sings the verse.

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us, by Our Lord Jesus Christ!

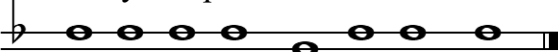
All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

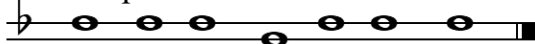
Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 18.21-35

All:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: The Word is united to God; now through the Christ reconciling,
God has trusted us with the news of redeeming love!

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

All: **For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord, singing,

All: 

Lord, have mer - cy

Leader: Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace teaching us to love others as he has loved us. O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world. O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church and in the Mississauga Deanery of Prayer we pray for the Church of Hope Spirit of Peace and the Reverend Canon Susan Climo, in our own parish we pray for We ask the Lord to anoint us with the power of his life-giving Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need, especially the sick and those who have asked for our prayers, ...

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Let us also remember those who no longer suffer, but rest in hope and peace, O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: **And also with you.**

All Sing

Offertory Hymn: (Tune: #444) - "A KING ONCE TOLD HIS SERVANTS

A king once told his servants, "Now pay me what is mine!"
One came to him and begged him, "I'll pay! Just give me time!"
And so the king forgave him, though that man's debt was great.
What joy to be unburdened! What cause to celebrate!

Though he had been forgiven, that man was not so kind.
He threatened one who owed him, "Now pay me what is mine!"
He would not show compassion to one whose debt was small.
What judgment came upon him! How bitter was his fall!

O God, in Christ you freed us; now may we not forget.
Our sin was overwhelming but you once paid the debt.
May we live lives of mercy, forgiving, blessing, too;
And may our grace to others reflect our thanks to you.

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Priest: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

All: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Priest: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

All sing unaccompanied

Presider:

People:



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,



hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



For-give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.*

Priest: "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!**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Communion Hymn: #612– “HEALER OF OUR EVERT ILL”

All sing

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Communion Hymn: (AAH#495) – “HE WILL KEEP YOU IN PERFECT PEACE” *All sing*

*He will keep you in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him,
He will strengthen and sustain you, tho' all around is dim,
He'll comfort you He'll comfort you he will keep you in perfect peace.*

When your valley is so very deep, and your mountain is so high and steep,
He will lead so gently by His Hand for our God does know and understand.

Refrain:

And with ev'ry trial that is sore, by His grace you're able to endure.
You can sing although it may be night for you know your morning will be bright.

Refrain:

Prayer after Communion

Priest: 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.**

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: 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.**

The Blessing & Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: #570 – “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us, travelling through the wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence, with us evermore be found.

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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