EASY PRINT – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 24, 2025

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #3 – "MORNING HAS BROKEN"

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re—creation of the new day!

▼ 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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without

love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**Jeremiah 1.4-10

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #71.1-6

Please remain seated

The Psalm will be read responsively. The leader will read the first line of each stanza and the congregation will respond with the words in bold.

Priest: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

All: In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Priest: Be your strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

All: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

Priest: For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

All: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Priest: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.

Amen

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The word of the Lord. Hebrews 12.18-29
People: **Thanks be to God.**A moment of silence is observed

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Sequence Hymn: (Tune #14) – "O GOD YOU MADE THE SABBATH"

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

O God, you made the Sabbath day, your gift, your law, your healing way. You also made, within each heart a longing for this day apart.

You gave your children, long-oppressed, your freeing gift of Sabbath rest. You give us Sabbath freedom, too: our lives are more than work we do!

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

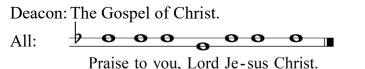
Deacon: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All:

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.



Luke 13.10-17

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Life's sacred rhythm seems long gone; the world, unblinking, carries on. Your Spirit calls us! Slow our pace that we may hear your word of grace.

Christ Jesus lives! He makes us new! On Sundays now, we worship you. With hearts uplifted, joy restored, your church goes out to serve you, Lord.

Sermon Please be seated

A11:

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

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. 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 God of Healing and Wholeness, responding to the petition "Lord of Love" with the words: "Remind us that your love is with us".

Leader: When loved ones experience pain and suffering; when illness, aging, or chronic pain diminish our joy: we pray for the sick among us,..., Lord of Love,

All: Remind us that your love is with us.

Leader: When doubts arise and confusion fills our minds; when depression or loneliness arises, and when others fail us or refuse to forgive us for our failings, Lord of Love,

All: Remind us that your love is with us.

Leader: When financial problems, political divisions or social unrest threaten our security, when the leaders of the nations and those in authority fail to follow your wisdom or reflect your values; Lord of Love,

All: Remind us that your love is with us.

Leader: When our faith strengthens and gives us courage; when the precious gift of life is recognized and appreciated, we thank you for the blessing of family, friends and this congregation, Lord of Love,

All: Remind us that your love is with us.

Leader: When the peace of Christ calms our anxiety and softens our sadness; when we realize that our loving presence can make a difference: we pray for the Church and its ministry of revealing Christ to the world. In the Missisauga Deanery, we pray for.... In our own parish, we pray for Lord of Love,

All: Remind us that your love is with us.

Leader: When the joy of the Resurrection permeates our hearts and we remember our eternal fellowship with God and with those who rest in the faith of Christ (prayers for those who have died), Lord of Love,

All: Remind us that your love is with us.

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.

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.

Deacon: May God show us mercy and give us each the grace to grow in holiness.

People: Amen.

The Peace Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: And also with 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.

We welcome back the children from Sunday school during the offertory hymn.

Offertory Hymn: (Tune #347) – "THE WOMEN IN THE CROWD"

All sing

That woman in the crowd — she could not stand up tall; Her back was bent, her head was bowed — and Jesus saw! That Sabbath day of rest, he saw her misery; He told her, "Woman, from your ailment you are free!"

A leader said, "You're wrong!" for sin was what he saw. He could not understand this One who broke the law. The Sabbath rules were strict and work was not allowed — Not even when it healed a woman bent and bowed.

Christ said, "What matters most? What rules will you obey? You care for ox and donkey on the Sabbath day!"
For Jesus knew the truth — that people matter more,
And God loves things that heal, encourage and restore.

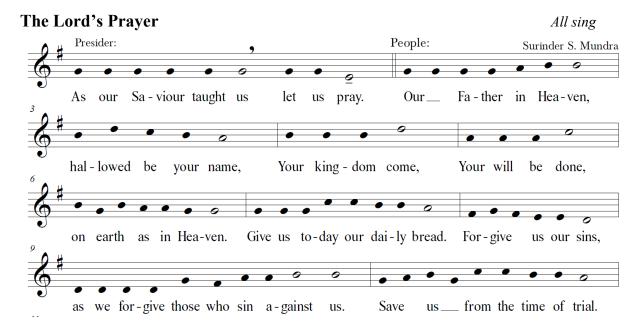
What barriers do we build to God's abundant grace? Do we want church to be a perfect, law-filled place? Or will we dare to love — to see what Jesus saw — That God's great welcome matters more than rule and law.

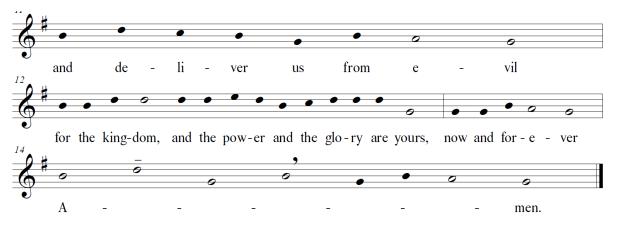
▼ Holy Communion

Deacon: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Shepherd.

All: Amen.

Deacon: The Church of Christ, of which we are members, has taken this bread and wine and given thanks according to the Lord's command. We now share together in the communion of his body and blood.





Deacon: "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!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Deacon: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

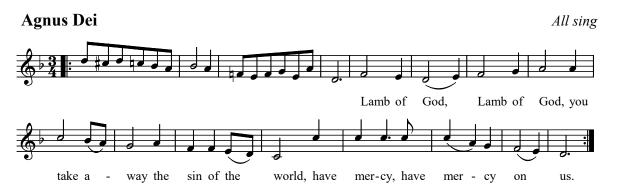
The following is said by the Deacon and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Lord Jesus, you are the Word that became flesh, to dwell among us, and you are the Bread of Life sent down from heaven; as I cannot now take the Bread, let your Word dwell in my heart, that you may abide in me and I in you.

All: Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God.





The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: (Tune #160) #429 – "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH," All sing

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer after Communion

Deacon: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Deacon: 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.

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Closing Hymn: #425 – "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well—spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace, healed and set free by Christ. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!