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*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field . . ." – Matthew 13*  
*Photo by Helen Norman*

## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Service broadcast to be watched at home**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn  
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans  
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty  
Music: Edith Troup  
Children and Youth: Barbara Robertson

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather today on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

**People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

Hymn: **Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore**

CP#328

**Lo, God is here! let us adore,  
and own how awesome is this place!  
Let all within us feel God's power,  
and bow before the hidden face.  
Redeeming Lord, your grace we prove,  
serve you with awe, with reverence love.**

**Lo, God is here! Both day and night  
united choirs of angels sing;  
to God, enthroned above all height,  
heaven's host their noblest praises bring;  
d disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,  
who praise you with a stammering tongue.**

**Beings of beings, may our praise  
your courts with grateful fragrance fill;  
still may we stand before thy face,  
still hear and do your sovereign will;  
to you may all our thoughts arise,  
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.**

Celebrant: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

**People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Celebrant: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**People: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

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: Scandalous God,

**People:** you sow weeds among the crop, raise bread with impure yeast, offer treasure without price and cast a net that catches good and bad: throw down our idols of purity and possession, so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. Amen.

### **The First Reading is from Genesis (29:15-28)**

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the

other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

**Psalm 128 (read together)**

**Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in the ways of God! You shall eat the fruit of your labour; happiness and prosperity shall be yours. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table. The one who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed. The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children’s children; may peace be upon Israel.**

**The Second Reading is from Romans (8:26-39)**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or

famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: **For the Fruit of All Creation**

CP#259

**For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.**

**For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth’s safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God’s will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God’s will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God’s will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52)

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

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." . . . "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection

Hymn: **Nearer, My God, to Thee**

CP#538

**Nearer, My God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!**

**Even thou it be a cross that raiseth me,**

Still all my song would be  
“Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!”

Though, like the wanderer,  
the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me,  
my rest a stone,  
yet in my dreams I'd be  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee.

There let the way appear  
steps unto heaven;  
All that thou sendest me  
in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee.

Then with my waking thoughts  
bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise,  
so by my woes to be  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee.

Or if on joyful wing  
cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
upwards I fly,  
still all my song shall be  
“Nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!”

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:

**All: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.**

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus,

**All: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.**

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**All: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favoured mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.**

Celebrant: We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus.

**All: Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.**

Celebrant: We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding.

**All: Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.**

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Julie Cross)*

One: We request your healing spirit to assist us in our prayers today. You allow us to learn that our lives can

be meaningful and abundant if we lean into your great power. You cause the miracle of each sunrise and open our eyes to share another day with you. We ask you to be with us today in our prayers, saying,

**All:** **hear our prayers.**

One: We ask that you will be with all who have authority and all those who lead. Guide them to be fair and thoughtful in their decisions. Help us all to act with consideration about decisions that affect others. We ask for wisdom, saying,

**All:** **hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for your church all over the world. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop and all those who assist him. We pray for our clergy: Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, that you will sustain them with your treasure of deep compassion. We ask for strength and courage, saying,

**All:** **hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for friends and strangers in the grip of addiction. We pray for those who are lonely or worried. Make us able companions for each other. We ask for hope, saying,

**All:** **hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**All:** **Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Ken** (Poisson); **Marie** (Deruga); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Heather** (Russell); **Stephen** (Walton); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Edward** (Hutchinson); **Trish** (Rowlands); **Carran** (Taylor); **Samantha** (Wood); **Sylvia** (Pierce); **Mykie** (Bradley); **Ruth** (MacDonald); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Doug** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Deirdre** (Piper); **Flo** (Warner); **Lois** (Culp); **Nina** (Fowler)

One: and others known to us, whom we name, silently or aloud . . . . Be with each one of these people as is best for them. Let those of us who can help ease any suffering, be ready to do so. We ask for awareness of your call, saying,

**All: hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for all who stand at the thresholds of life; for your children soon to be born and your children soon to go home. We pray for those who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud . . . , and those who have their days and nights altered by mourning. On their behalf, we ask for peace.

**People: Hear our prayers. Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we 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: Glory to God,

**People: 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: Go—as seed and yeast, willing to lose your life in the larger purposes of God.

**People: We will go—as fisherfolk and treasure seekers, pouring out our days in search of hidden grace.**

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.**

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name!**

**Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, the heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, life divine,  
and crown him, Lord of all;  
the God incarnate, life divine,  
and crown him, Lord of all.**

**Crown him, you martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose burning path you trod,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
praise him whose burning path you trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tongue and every tribe,  
delivered from the fall,  
to Christ all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to Christ all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**O that, with heaven's sacred throng,  
we at his feet may fall,  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him Lord of all!**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

***Readings for Next Sunday, August 2nd, 2020***

*Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;*

*Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21*

*Credits:*

*Opening and Closing Prayers from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A*

*Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

*Psalm from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use.*

*Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

*Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services*

*Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Edition*

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**Please pray this week for:**

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- those ministering and worshipping in
  - St. James, Manotick; and
  - St. James, Perth;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Charles Mackie, Ida Capern, Randy Brown, and Viola Martin; and
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Debtors Anonymous that meet in our facilities.

**Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:**

**Readers:** Marcie Taylor, Patricia Bays, Eric Bays

**Intercessor:** Julie Cross