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“... and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” – Matthew 16

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 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

Julie Newlands

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: **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

CP#601

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious Donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

Celebrant: We, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

People: **We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One. Let us worship God.**

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: Living God,

People: you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them you build a way of peace. Empower and enable us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the bonds of oppression, so that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. Amen.

The First Reading is from Exodus (1:8-2:10)

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys

to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124 (read together)

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say; if the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us; then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; then would

the raging waters have gone right over us. Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading is from Romans (12:1-8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: O Christ, the Great Foundation

CP#524

**O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.**

**Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth.
One holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make you known.**

**Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened,
the righteous fear to speak;
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin,
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.**

**This is the moment glorious
when he, who once was dead,
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings,
the final consummation,
the glory of all things.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:13-20)

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered

him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Hymn: **Where Charity and Love Prevail**

CP#487

**Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed
if honoured be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.**

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 Aaron Leach)

One: As we gather today, remembering that we are members of one another, let us reflect on our gifts and how we fulfill our purpose in this world by asking, God of Graciousness,

All: hear our prayers.

One: For the world we share with all creation—the plants and animals we see each day and the wilderness we have never seen—we give you thanks and ask your help in living into our identity as stewards of your earth. God of Creation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We continue to live during very challenging times, with students heading back to school very shortly. Please offer strength and compassion to the leaders who are planning strategies; to the teachers who are preparing for a unique September; and to the students who are returning to a new learning environment. God of Understanding,

All: hear our prayers.

One: It is easy to focus on our own needs and wants, all the while forgetting the hardships of others. The inconveniences to our routines have not lessened the number of people fleeing political persecution or war-ravaged situations. Let us keep those who are out of our periphery steadfast in our thoughts and in our decisions. God of Mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for leaders from all walks of life, especially our politicians and those whose decisions have an impact on our city, our nation, and our world. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop. In our own community, we pray for Chris,

Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy, and for Brian, pastor of First United Church. God of Goodness,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed, and the ill. Remembering especially those who have requested 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); **Rebecca** (Corbin); **Margaret** (Cook); **Ruthmary** (Harris)

One: and those whom we name, silently or aloud And we pray for those who have died, for those whom we name silently or aloud . . . , and for those who mourn them. May their faith in you console them. God of Compassion,

All: hear our prayers.

One: For joys and concerns that occupy our thoughts—those we have spoken aloud and those we ponder inwardly—we give you thanks and ask that you be at our side, guiding us. God of Love,

People: 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: Do not be conformed to this world;

People: rather we will be transformed to live as the body of Christ in the world.

Celebrant: And the blessing

Hymn: Lift High the Cross

CP#602

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
if we are silent, even stones cry out.**

Refrain

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life.**

Refrain

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme,
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

Refrain

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

Refrain

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity.**

Refrain

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, August 30th, 2020

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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 A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

Affirmation of faith from A New Zealand Prayer Book

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Please pray this week for:

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- those ministering and worshipping in St. Aidan's, Ottawa;
- members of the Property and Finance Committee and its subcommittees;
- our Canon Theologian, The Reverend Dr. Canon John Gibaut;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Mary Hoth, Hazel Jack, Ed Swettenham, Sheila Carr, and Grace Clarke-Wilker; and
- the patients, doctors, nurses, and support staff of the Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus and the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Katy Burnett, Cindy Brown, Elizabeth Harris

Intercessor: Aaron Leach