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*“ . . . “if your enemies are hungry, feed them . . .” – Romans 12
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30th, 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: Here in This Place New Light is Streaming CP#465

**Here in this place, new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in—the lost and forsaken;
gather us in—the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young—our lives are a mystery;
we are the old—who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in—the rich and the haughty;
gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in—and hold us forever;
gather us in—and make us your own;
gather us in—all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Celebrant: Praise the Lord! Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,

People: **for the Lord takes pleasure in people. Let the faithful sing for joy.**

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: O God, in the flaming bush

People: you promised deliverance to your people. In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. As we take up the cross, show us the transforming power of your love, so that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.

The First Reading is from Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to

bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I Am Who I Am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I Am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (read together)

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord. Glory in the holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God. Remember the marvels the Lord has done, the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord, O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. The Lord made this people exceedingly fruitful; making them stronger than their enemies; whose heart God turned, so that they hated this people, and dealt unjustly with the servants of God. O Lord, you sent Moses your servant, and Aaron whom you had chosen Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from Romans (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

CP#537

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me,
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:21-28)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Barbara Robertson

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

**All: 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

(prepared by Patricia Bays)

One: O God, you revealed yourself to Moses in the burning bush. Come now among us as we gather in your Name. Make us aware of your presence all around us, in the wonder and variety of your creation, in the helping hands of neighbours, in the hope you place within our hearts. God of majesty and power,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: O God, you call us into community. We pray for the Church, the company of those who follow Jesus. Help us to take up our cross as he commands, and give us strength and hope to meet the challenges of the present time. We give thanks for those who lead and support us—Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy; and Brian, pastor of First United. Help each of us take our part in building your reign on earth. God of grace,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: O God, you call us to live peaceably with all. In this time of pandemic, when tempers are short and patience is thin, help us to recognize everyone we meet as a sister or brother, part of the same family. Help us to banish prejudice and hatred, to extend hospitality to all, and to work for justice and peace. God of welcome,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: O God, you call us to compassion. So many are suffering at this time, through illness, through loss of employment, through uncertainty and anxiety. Help us to minister to those we meet, to offer help and friendship, to speak a word of hope. We pray for those in need:

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 Many have died during this pandemic and many are mourning their loss. We pray for those who have died, for those whom we name silently or aloud . . . , and for those who mourn, that they may know the comfort of your presence. God of love,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: O God, you call us to hope and to trust. The story of these days is still incomplete. We cannot see the future. But we take one step at a time, one day at a time, confident in your loving care for us. Help us to remember that nothing can separate us from your loving embrace. God of the changing seasons,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: O God, grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: The night is gone, the day is near.

People: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;

Celebrant: let us live honourably as in the day;

People: let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: And the blessing

Hymn: **Come and Journey with a Saviour**

CP#482

**Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.**

Refrain:

***Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.***

Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving, and our sin. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain*

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

Readings for Next Sunday, September 6th, 2020
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Credits:

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

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) 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

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Please pray this week for:

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- those ministering and worshipping in St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa;
- the new school year, for students of all ages and for their teachers and parents;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Elizabeth Barter, Isabel Barter, Jean Noi, Joyce Code; and
- Ottawa West Community Support, the Parkdale Food Centre, and for the Westboro Food Bank.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Helen Norman, Julia Brady, Toni Larsen

Intercessor: Patricia Bays