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*"Love your neighbour as yourself." – Romans 13
Photo by Helen Norman*

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6th, 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.

Celebrant: Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this:

People: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins.

Celebrant: Confident in the love of God,

People: let us pray together.

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: God of unity and truth,

People: encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful and bring back the wayward. Gather us all together in mutual love, so that our prayer may be pleasing to you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading is from Exodus (12:1-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month;

then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 (read together)

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing the praises of God in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their sovereign. Let them praise the name of the Lord in the dance; let them sing praise to God with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in this people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; to bind their rulers in chains and their nobles with links of iron; to inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful people. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from Romans (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Interlude

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:15-20)

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you

ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Musical Interlude

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

All: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God’s kingdom might come on earth.

He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God’s children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Catrina Tapley)

One: Creator God, you know our needs before we name them in prayer, yet you hear our prayers, knowing that all we truly need is your love. Your people need peace We pray for all who live in fear of violence and oppression whether here, or in Kenosha, or thousands of kilometres away. Comfort those dealing with conflicts and abuse, and help us to raise our voices to fight for justice. God in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Your people need hope We pray that this pandemic might come to an end soon. We pray for those who give us hope; for our public health leaders, for scientists working on a vaccine, and for health care workers on the front lines—that their actions may be guided by your wisdom. We lift up to you in prayer all those returning to school; for teachers, students, parents, and those who work to support them. As we return to in-person worship, we pray for our own faith community and our parish leaders, may this plan be guided by your steady hand. God in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Your people need blessing We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada: for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; and, Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy. We give joyful thanks for Barbara Robertson and her years of service and creativity as leader of our children and youth ministry, and we ask your blessing on Julie Newlands as she takes over this important leadership role in our parish. God in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Your people need health We pray for all who are suffering in many different ways. Guide our hearts and hands so we may act with kindness and compassion. 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); **Rebecca** (Corbin); **Margaret** (Cook); **Ruthmary** (Harris)

One: and those whom we name, silently or aloud God in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: Your people need comfort We remember the thousands of people who have died from COVID-19 and the many who are mourning their loss. We pray for all who died this past week, and for those whom we name silently or aloud We pray that those who mourn their passing might know your comfort and love. God in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: Loving God, your whole creation needs your powerful presence. Help us to be instruments of your love and peace in all we do.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: **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.

Celebrant: 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.

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

People: And also with you.

Musical Interlude

Celebrant: Great and holy God,

People: accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus your Son to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty God, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

Celebrant: Loving God,

People: your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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: God's commandments are an invitation to daily faithfulness.

People: We will love God and our neighbour every day, and we will fulfill all that God intends.

Celebrant: And the blessing

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, September 13th, 2020

Exodus 14:19-31;

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (Canticle 1—Song of Moses);

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Credits:

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

Collect from Opening Prayers (1997) 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 Prayer 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, Leitrim;
 - All Saints, Greely;
 - St. Mary's, Russell;
- all who labour for the good of our society on this Labour Day weekend;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Leah Chapman, Manson Thompson, Laurie Hunter, and Sheila Howe; and
- various community associations contained within our parish.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Greeters: Scott Sorensen, Chris Helleur

Reader: Diane Bays

Intercessions: Prepared by Catrina Tapley; led by Jarrett Carty



"Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;"—Roman 13
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