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*A Great Egret enjoys lunch at Mud Lake, Ottawa
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 11th, 2021

9:30 am

**In-person service that will also
be broadcast (on Zoom) and recorded**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Please Note: This service is being broadcast on Zoom and recorded; if you attend in-person you may appear on camera and the recording.

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Come to God's house with joy!

All: We will praise God with heart and voice.

Officiant: Come humbly to God's house!

All: The Holy One has given us everything. Our lives and our living are in God's hands.

Officiant: Come to God's house with wonder!

All: Earth and everything in it—every rock and ocean, every insect and animal, every flower and tree, every man and woman—has its origin in Creator God.

Officiant: Come to God's house with thanksgiving!

All: We will respond to the quiet voice of God. We believe that God has work for us to do.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: God of the prophets, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account:

All: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand and speak with them and witness to your kingdom now; through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. Amen.

The First Reading is from Amos (7:7-15)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

One: I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,
All: for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

One: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
All: that your glory may dwell in our land.

One: Mercy and truth have met together;
All: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

One: Truth shall spring up from the earth,
All: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

One: Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,
All: and our land will yield its increase.

One: Righteousness shall go before you,
All: and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

The Second Reading is from Ephesians (1:3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all

things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: In Halls of Wealth and Power (tune #434)
(Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

Please note that the hymn will be sung by a cantor. If you are attending the in-person service, please refrain from singing as congregational singing is not permitted during the Amber Stage.

In halls of wealth and power where shadowed deals are made,
the heartless ones devour; the helpless are betrayed.

The ones who make decisions seem confident and strong
yet sometimes blur divisions between the right and wrong.

When Herod chose to wander from living as he should,
John preached with mighty thunder, "Repent and do the good!"
Then power danced with anger; revenge went dancing, too.
When they all join together, what evil they will do!

O God of love and justice, when we feel sure and strong,
may power never tempt us to venture toward the wrong.
In all of our endeavours, give wisdom, Lord, we pray,
that we may love our neighbours and seek your kingdom way.

In halls of wealth and power, in home and neighbourhood,
may we reject the evil and turn to what is good.
May justice dance with mercy and service dance with grace;
may nations lift the lowly till peace and love embrace.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:14-29)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against John, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard John, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And Herod solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,
All: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus the Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Toni Larsen)*

One: Today let us be thankful to be able once again to gather for worship and also to share with those participating from home. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; and Chris and Jarrett, our clergy—may their ministries be fulfilling to them and a blessing upon all they serve. Gracious God,
All: hear our prayer.

One: May we offer to you ourselves in service in many ways to help those who are less fortunate, sad, lonely, or in despair. As a nation there is sadness and reflection on what we have recently learnt affecting our Indigenous people. Dialogue is not enough; we must seek action from our leaders to improve the basic needs so that all in this land may have good health care, clean water, and proper housing. Too often, money is allocated for things of lesser importance and now is the time for results. Listening to Indigenous leaders who have shown

restraint and tolerance should inspire us all to listen and learn, to respect, and to show generosity of spirit, so our own lives may be enriched. Gracious God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We all long for the time when we, as a Parish, can resume many of our usual activities. As we go about our daily lives, let us remember that any small act of generosity can have a great impact on another person. May we seek to communicate with those whose pilgrimage path may not be the same as ours, remembering Rabbi Bulka's philosophy of kindness to all and in all that we do. Gracious God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: At this time, we offer prayers to you for those who have asked us to remember them:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Tony** (Fisher); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **John** (McGovern); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Coreen** (Kennedy) **Charlotte** (McWilliam); **Mary** (Soper); **Richard** (Vroom); **June** (Kirch)

One: and those whom we name now, silently or aloud. . . . We also remember those who have died especially those whom we name silently or aloud Give comfort to those who mourn; may the memories of those departed be a blessing to their families and friends. Gracious God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We ask Lord that you give us strength, courage, and determination to be the best we can be as we continue on our pilgrimage path of life.

All: Amen.

Officiant: 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

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

When exchanging the Peace with fellow parishioners, please remember that physical contact with those outside your bubble group is not permitted during this Amber phase. Share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving.

Offertory Hymn: Let Justice Flow Like Streams (tune #350)

(Words by Jane Parker Huber)

Please note that the hymn will be sung by a cantor. If you are attending the in-person service, please refrain from singing as congregational singing is not permitted during the Amber Stage.

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an everflowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

Officiant: Creator God,

All: your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Officiant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Officiant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Officiant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Officiant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Officiant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending praise:

All: 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.

Officiant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Officiant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Officiant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: "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 God!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

During Communion, remain in your seats and the clergy will bring the host to you. A sidesperson will provide you with hand sanitizer before you receive the host. Please do not remove your mask to take the host until the clergy has moved on. You will then be invited to use hand sanitizer again after you have put your mask back on. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available.

Musical Interlude

Celebrant: Living God,

People: in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: We will go into the world in the strength of God's love.

All: When we stand for God's way, we stand our ground. We will speak out for justice.

Officiant: In the way of God's chosen ones, we will confront the abuse of power.

All: We will recognize the trap of the easy way out and will instead work for a fair and lasting resolution. When we feel most vulnerable, we will look to the example of Jesus.

Officiant: We will go forward unafraid.

All: We go in the strength of God's love.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

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

All: Thanks be to God.

When the service ends, please remain in your seats until a sidesperson indicates that it is time for you to leave through the Richmond Road doors. The sidespeople will guide everyone, in order to maintain safe distances.

Readings for Next Sunday, July 18th, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23;

Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Please pray this week for

- all those worshipping and ministering at
 - St. Thomas the Apostle, Ottawa;
 - St. Thomas, Woodlawn & St. George's, Fitzroy Harbour;
- the Staff of our Diocesan Office;
- those in our pastoral care: Leah Chapman, Manson Thompson, Laurie Hunter, and Sheila Howe; 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:

Greeters: Julie and Peter Newlands

Reader: Eric Bays

Intercessor: Toni Larsen

Cantor: Patricia Bays

Credits:

Opening and closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A New Zealand Prayer Book

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 11th, 2021

This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Food Bank
Tuesday:	9:00 am Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	10:30 am Eucharist	Church
Thursday	9:00 am Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm	Food Bank

Upcoming Events

Morning Prayer

Tues., July 13th, and Thurs., July 15th, at 9:00 am, via Zoom
Back by popular demand, Julie Newlands and Helen Norman are continuing Morning Prayer. They will offer the sessions, over Zoom, two days a week for as long as there is sufficient interest. Chris will continue sending the link in his emails.

The Healing Garden

Wednesday, July 14th and 21st, in Joan Stafford's Garden
(Hunt Club/ Woodroffe area with Easy parking and on Bus #82)

"The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth. One is closer to God in a garden Than anywhere else on earth." Dorothy Frances Gurney

Rosemary Clarke and Joan Stafford invite you to reserve an hour for relaxing and renewing in the Healing Garden. Joan's garden is open for you to experience Spirit in your own way. You may wish to wander among the flowers and plants, sit and meditate, read a book, sip iced tea, or quietly chat with a friend. We also invite you to receive a Healing Pathway chair session and experience the heightened healing energy of the outdoors. (Information about Healing Pathway is available at <https://healingpathway.ca/>) This special time and place is yours for replenishing.

Attendance must be limited to eight guests for each hour and distancing and masking protocols will be followed. In case of rain, The Healing Garden will be open the following day.

To reserve your place, or for more information, email healinggarde n2021@gmail.com or call 613-232-1016 (First United Church office).

Please include: a) Your name and phone number b) If you will be coming on your own or with a friend/s (include name/s) c) Your first and second time choice: Wednesday, July 14th, 10:00; 11:00; 12:00 Wednesday, July 21th, 1:00; 2:00; 3:00 d) If you wish to receive Healing Pathway (yes, no, maybe) If you wish to know more about Healing Pathway. Your reservation confirmation and the address will be sent by return email.

*If you'd like to register to attend next **Sunday, July 18th**, please fill out the online form, a link to which will be on the All Saints' home page (<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com>), starting on **Monday, July 12th**, after 9:00 am and ending at **12:00 noon on Friday, July 16th**. The best way to register is by filling out the online form. However, if you do register by calling the church office, please make sure to leave a voicemail, indicating that you would like to register, as well the day and time of your call.*



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of sparkling water pure“*

Photo by Helen Norman