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*"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;"
Photo by Helen Norman*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5th, 2021

9:30 am

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

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. John Chapman
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 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.

Opening Hymn Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun #383

Congregational singing is allowed but you must keep your mask on.

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

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: Praise God wholeheartedly.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Officiant: Our compassionate God is with the broken-hearted ones.

All: God stands with the downtrodden and despised.

Officiant: God is the source of creation.

All: From the furthest star to the smallest creature, we know God's creative presence.

Officiant: God is just and wise.

All: With God, the hungry are fed, the prisoners find freedom.

Officiant: God helps those who have fallen get back up,

All: and stands with the refugee and immigrant.

Officiant: Praise God wholeheartedly.

All: God's love is eternal.

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: Maker of us all,

All: you call us to love our neighbours as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the ministries that lie before us, where faith and the needs of our neighbour come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (35:4-7a)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless

sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

One: Hallelujah!

All: Who may abide upon your holy hill?

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

One: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,

All: for there is no help in them.

One: When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

All: and in that day their thoughts perish.

One: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

All: For their hope is in the Lord their God,

One: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

All: who keeps promises for ever;

One: who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

All: food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.

One: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind!

All: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

One: The Lord cares for the stranger

All: and sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

One: The Lord shall reign for ever,

All: your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from James (2:1-10, 14-17)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn You Call Us, Lord, To Be

#450

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**You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.**

**Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend to it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark (7:24-37)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. Jesus entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet Jesus could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. Jesus said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then Jesus said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the

crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

One: God teaches and commands us that faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. On this Labour Day weekend, we pray with gratitude for the opportunity and ability to work, mindful of those who cannot work, whose opportunities have been stripped away, and understanding the resulting injury to pride and human dignity. O God help us,

All: to labour with zeal to create and share opportunities for meaningful work.

One: We pray for our Jewish neighbours throughout the world as they prepare for the High Holy days. We pray for people of all faiths and of no faith, and for those who are seeking. We pray for those who continue to do good works to better our world, whether those be supported by religious or secular beliefs, remembering especially all the laity whose tireless efforts benefit us all. We pray for ordained leaders in our faith community: for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; John, our Celebrant; Chris and Jarrett, our clergy; and Brian, pastor of First United. O God help us,

All: to labour with purpose and commitment.

One: Throughout the world our elected leaders face life-threatening and far-reaching challenges. We pray that they will be guided by wisdom, informed by facts, moved by human needs. We pray that all of us will listen to each other and to them, with open hearts and discerning minds. O God help us and our leaders,

All: to labour with integrity.

One: Our beautiful earth is suffering. Let us work together for the common good of all humanity, to preserve this wondrous home that God has provided. You have entrusted it to us—we must not fail. O God, help us,

All: to labour with diligence, tirelessly, to save what you have created.

One: The earth's people suffer also. Together we pray for:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Tony** (Fisher); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Charlotte** (McWilliam); **June** (Kirch); **Angie** (Hiebert); **Pat** (Broome); **Bobbi** (Winnberg); **Nina** (Fowler)

One: and those whom we name now, silently or aloud. . . .
Trusting in your great mercy, we pray for those who
have died, especially those whom we name silently
or aloud, . . . and for those who mourn them. O God,
help us,

All: to labour with compassion and patience

One: Accept our gratitude and our supplications, O God.
May our labours always be founded in faith and
guided by the Holy Spirit.

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 Yellow phase. Share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving.

Offertory Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #306

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**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Officiant: Great and holy God,
**All: 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.**

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 sing,

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, please proceed forward in your family group to the altar but leave a social distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. A sidesperson will direct you when to come forward and provide you with hand sanitizer before you receive the host. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available. While it is fully sufficient to receive in one kind, just the bread, the Common Cup is available for those who wish to receive. **Please Note: Intinction is not allowed.** You will then be invited to use hand sanitizer again in the side aisles after you have put your mask back on.*

Musical Interlude

Officiant: Loving God,

All: 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.

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 from here as those who will widen their horizons.

All: We will not be bound by habitual thoughts and actions and will listen for different voices.

Officiant: We will reflect on new approaches and will try opening our hearts to other things.

All: We will rejoice in unexpected experiences of justice and will accept fresh leading of the Spirit.

Officiant: The God of Love will be our companion.

All: We have nothing to fear.

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 leave through the Richmond Road doors or back to the Madison Avenue door and maintain safe social distances. When in the Courtyard, please continue to wear a mask and maintain the social distancing if you are speaking with others.

Readings for Next Sunday, September 12th, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9;

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Greeters: Julie and Peter Newlands

Readers: Wikke Walop and Dawn Conway

Intercessor: Marcie Taylor

Please pray this week for

- all those worshipping and ministering at
 - St. James, Leitrim and All Saints, Greely; and
 - St. Mary's, Russell;
- all who labour for the good of our society on this Labour Day weekend;
- those in our pastoral care: Elizabeth Barter, Isabel Barter, Jean Noi, and Joyce Code; and
- the GranAid Program and its support of Fikelala in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

*If you'd like to register to attend next **Sunday, September 12th**, the best way to do so is to fill out the online form, on the All Saints' home page (<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com>), starting on **Monday, September 6th**, after 9:00 am and ending at 12:00 noon on **Friday, September 10th**. 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.*

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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This Week

Wednesday 10:30 am	Eucharist	Church
Thursday 3:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank

Upcoming Events

Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday, September 8th, in the Church

Even with Father Chris on vacation, we will still be holding Wednesday Eucharist at 10:30 am (Bishop John Chapman will be the celebrant). There is no need to register for this service, but COVID protocols will be in place. Please enter through the Richmond Road doors.

Diocese of Ottawa Collaborative Book Study

Wednesdays, September 22nd to October 27th, 7:00 pm, Zoom

This study will run for six weeks and will use Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the book—**before September 10th**—(contact Helen at office@allsaintswestboro.com) and watch your email for the Zoom link.

PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund)

To learn more about what the PWRDF is doing to help in Haiti, Lesotho, and Indigenous communities around the world, go to:

<https://pwrdf.org/news/>.

Credits:

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

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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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