



Sunday, August 2nd—The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost A Service of the Word

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Land Acknowledgement

Officiant We acknowledge that we are in Nogojiwanong, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee, on whose land and by whose waters we gather by the Williams Treaty to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

The Greeting

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

People **And also with you.**

The Penitential Rite

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour. *Silence.*

People God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Introductory Responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

All **and your glory all day long.**

Officiant Christ has triumphed over death:

All **O come let us worship.**

Officiant Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

17:1-7, 16

The Officiant and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.

Officiant Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

People **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Officiant Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

People **I give no offence with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

Officiant My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

People **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Officiant Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, *
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

People **But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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Responsory

Officiant Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

Officiant You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

Officiant When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Officiant A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Now when Jesus heard [that John had been killed by Herod], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

Affirmation of Faith and the Baptismal Covenant

Officiant Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

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 God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

I will persevere in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbours as myself.

I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Officiant God breaks bread and feeds all those who are hungry: let us pray for the world, that all who hunger may be fed.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; the Anglican Communion; Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Andrew and Riscylla, our bishops; for this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. Hear our plea of innocence, O Lord:

All **give heed to our cry; listen to our prayer.**

Officiant For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that as Paul prayed for unity with the people of his own flesh, all humanity may pray with one voice for the unity of all peoples. Hear our plea of innocence, O Lord:

All **give heed to our cry; listen to our prayer.**

Officiant For mercy, justice, and peace in the world; that evil may perish and righteousness flourish. For the courage to speak out when we see injustice and racism and for the humility to hear others when we wound them. Hear our plea of innocence, O Lord:

All **give heed to our cry; listen to our prayer.**

Officiant For farmers and a good harvest, for both rain and sun in good measure, for travellers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. Hear our plea of innocence, O Lord:

All **give heed to our cry; listen to our prayer.**

Officiant For all who thirst and hunger: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, travellers and prisoners, and the dying and the dead. For those guests of shelters in our city who find themselves precariously housed and who search for a place to call home. Hear our plea of innocence, O Lord:

All **give heed to our cry; listen to our prayer.**

Officiant For the whole family of God among whom Christ is the firstborn; for ourselves, our families, our companions, and those we love. Hear our plea of innocence, O Lord:

All **give heed to our cry; listen to our prayer.**

Officiant Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All **To you, O Lord.**

Officiant God who breaks bread among us, hear our prayers for all in need and fill your hungry people with manna from heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant God of compassion: your heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; you take what we have and transform it into much; give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, so that our lives may show forth your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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.**

Announcements & Offering



Although we are not gathering for worship and other parish activities at this time, our ministry is continuing. As part of your worship today, please consider making an offering to support St John's work and witness. You can visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for options including e-transfers and online giving through CanadaHelps, or scan the QR Code to the left with your mobile device. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry.

The Blessing

Hymn 397—Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Nettleton

**Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go in peace to love and serve God by loving and serving others.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**All are welcome to attend a Virtual Coffee Hour
on the internet at www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/coffee**