



Sunday, July 12th—The Sixth 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 25:19-34

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright..

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

119:105-112

The Officiant and Congregation read the Psalm responsively by verse.

Officiant Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

People **I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgements.**

Officiant I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

People **Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgements.**

Officiant My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

People **The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

Officiant Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

People **I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes *
for ever and to the end.**

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 8:1-11

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal

with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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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 13:1-9, 18-23

Officiant A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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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 As the Word goes forth from the mouth of God, let us turn our hearts to those in need and offer prayers for all peoples in every place.

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. O God, your word is a lantern unto our feet:

All **shed your light upon our path.**

Officiant For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that the truth of your word may take root in all peoples and the truth and unity of your ways be known in the world. O God, your word is a lantern unto our feet:

All **shed your light upon our path.**

Officiant For mercy, justice, and peace in the world; that for those who have lost their birthright, they shall receive their just inheritance. O God, your word is a lantern unto our feet:

All **shed your light upon our path.**

Officiant For farmers and a good harvest, for those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. O God, your word is a lantern unto our feet:

All **shed your light upon our path.**

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. O God, your word is a lantern unto our feet:

All **shed your light upon our path.**

Officiant For all those in despair and in need of a word of hope; for ourselves, our families, our companions, and those we love. O God, your word is a lantern unto our feet:

All **shed your light upon our path.**

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 sows seeds of faith, receive our prayers and give life to our mortal bodies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant God of the earth, all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word so that it may grow within us and yield a hundredfold harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Sower.

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 3—Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

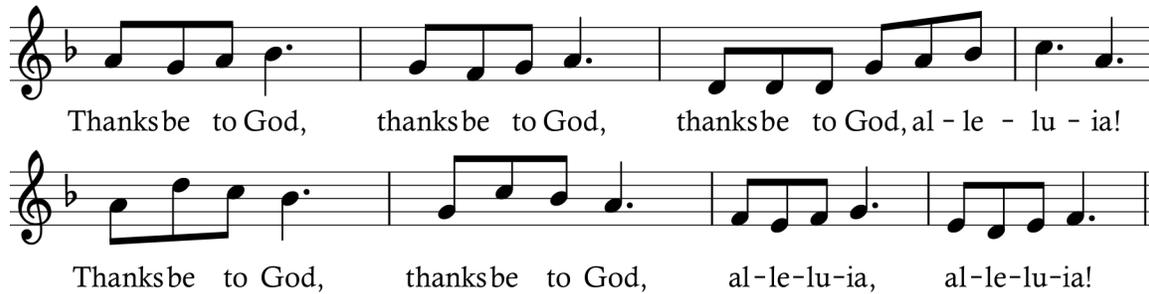
**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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**

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