



The Anglican Church of St Augustine of Canterbury

September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering the Community

Prelude

Fantasia in d minor

Johann Pachelbel

Opening Responses

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.**

Presider I was glad when they said to me,

People **'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'**

Presider Happy are they who dwell in your house, O Lord!

People They will always be praising you.

Prayer of the Day

Presider Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Listening to God

First Reading — Genesis 50.15-21

Trish Simmie

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to

me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103.8-13

Bente Willis, cantor

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Second Reading — Romans 14.1-12

Trish Simmie

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Gospel Reading — Matthew 18.21-35 *The Rev'd Elizabeth Nelson*

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger

his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader Let anyone with ears to hear, listen.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Rev'd Megan Jull

The Prayers of the People

Judie Arrowood

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.

The Peace

Presider My friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrating the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

During the offertory, music will play and the priest will prepare the altar for communion. Please remain at your seats. Your offering can be placed in the basin at the back before or after the service or it can be made electronically to the church through our webpage. The plates will not be passed in order to minimize contact during COVID-19. Thank you for your gift to the church.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

All **Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

You are invited to pray with open hands.

Eucharistic Prayer S1

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

The Sanctus

Healey Willan

Cantor *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.*

Presider Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who

loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to the commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Invitation to Communion

All who seek God in Christ are welcome to share at the Lord's Table. The priest will move to bottom of the chancel steps to distribute the bread. Those who wish to receive should form a line in the centre aisle using the floor markings as a guide. When you reach the boxed area, the priest will say "the Body of Christ, given for you". You may then step forward and the bread will be placed in your hands. Please move to one of the taped off boxes where you may remove your mask, consume the bread, and then replace your mask. Sanitizer is available for your hands before

and after you receive communion. Please return to your seat, using the side aisles and following the markers on the floor.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Agnus Dei

Healey Willan

Cantor *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.*

Communion Music *Where Charity and Love Prevail
The Lamb's High Banquet Called to Share*

Prayers after Communion *Please stand*

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

The Blessing

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you on your road,
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out your hands to serve,

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open your hearts to love,
And may you see the face of Christ in everyone that you meet,
And may everyone that you meet see the face of Christ in you. **Amen**

Sending Out to Serve

Please be seated for announcements

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in d minor

Johann Pachelbel

Acknowledgment of Traditional Indigenous Territory

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional territories. The territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations, and the Métis Nation. The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the “Toronto Purchase” and applies to lands east of Brown’s Line to Woodbine Avenue and north towards Newmarket. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

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