# The SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST September 17, 2023



Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

## **Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am** (in the Chapel)

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

## Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Abraham Thomas Assisting: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Head Server: Fen Nanton Communion Ministers: Fen Nanton, Cynthia Roosevelt

Organist: Alison Jane

Mass Setting: Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei - Merbecke



The flowers are offered to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Ludvig Satel, given by his wife Ann.

#### The GATHERING of THE COMMUNITY

**Prelude** Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein [BWV 734] (Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice)

J.S. BACH

**Hymn 388** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

#### Greeting

Celebrant 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 with thy spirit.

#### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant Almighty God,

all unto whom all hearts be open,

all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Summary of the Law**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Gloria – (CP 679) MERBECKE

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### Collect

Celebrant Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of people without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by the help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The LITURGY of THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 14.19-31

Read by Carol-Faye Petricko

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**Tonus Peregrinus** 



- <sup>1</sup> When Israel came | out of | Egypt, \*
  - and the house of Jacob from a mong the | strange | people,
- <sup>2</sup> Judah | was his | sanctuary, \* and | Israel | his dom|inion.
- <sup>3</sup> The sea saw | that, and | fled; \* Jor | dan was | driven | back.
- <sup>4</sup> The mountains | skipped like | rams, \* and the little | hills like | young | sheep.
- <sup>5</sup> What aileth thee, O thou sea, | that thou | fleddest, \* and thou Jordan, that | thou wast | driven | back?
- <sup>6</sup> Ye mountains, that ye | skipped like | rams, \* and ye little | hills, like | young | sheep?
- <sup>7</sup> Tremble, thou earth, at the presence | of the | Lord: \*
  - at the presence | of the | God of | Jacob;
- <sup>8</sup> Who turned the hard rock into a | standing | water, \* and the flint-stone | into a | springing | well.

#### **Epistle** *Romans* 14.1-12

Read by Mekhriban Mamedova

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling 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 judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement 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 judgement on your brother or sister?

Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement 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 The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 614** Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (vs. 1-2) (CP 556) CAITHNESS

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18.21-35

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### **Homily** The Reverend Abraham Thomas

#### The Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God

All the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

Begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God;

Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;

Through whom all things were made:

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

And was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:

Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost,

The Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,

And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People – Led by Ian Corlett

#### **Confession and Absolution**

The Celebrant invites the confession of Sin. Then all say:

Celebrant Almighty God,

All Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

By thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee
In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The absolution is pronounced.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

#### The CELEBRATION of THE EUCHARIST

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. *Ephesians 1.17-18* 

Offertory Hymn 494 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

**COMFORT** 

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### The Great Thanksgiving (CP 682)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the proper preface then then all sing:

All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

## All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer – said together

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

#### **Agnus Dei** – (CP 685)

All O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

#### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

For those not receiving the sacrament we commend this prayer for Spiritual Communion. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.** 

(The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - adapted)

#### Communion Hymn 497 Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

Song 1

Motet Come Down, O Love Divine

WILLIAM HARRIS

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,

and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity my outward vesture be, and lowliness become my inner clothing; true lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part,

and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till He becomes the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

#### Post Communion Prayer & Doxology

Celebrant O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant Glory to God,

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.

## **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

(CP 468) THORNBURY

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praeludium

J.S. BACH

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## **In Our Prayers**

<u>The Anglican Communion</u> The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer</u> Victoria & Haliburton Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer St. Paul, Newmarket, its support of the local food bank and Inn from the Cold program, Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, Elimu education programs in Kenya, and school knapsacks for St. Vincent and the Grenadines; St. Paul, Uxbridge, its participation in a weekly community lunch, Orange Shirt Day and education for reconciliation, refugee sponsorship, and support for the Loaves and Fishes food bank; St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, its after-school program, support of Codrington College in Barbados, and the local food bank, refugee sponsorship, advocacy on poverty, food security, and housing issues, its work with St Simon's Clubbe House, Men's Shelter, and education on Indigenous and Right Relations issues. Parish Cycle Ivaline Jonas, Dorothy Kamara, Alison Keith & Stephen Rupp, Takoda Kemp.

<u>Home Bound Parishioners</u>. Marie Adams, Nancy Byers, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Lucy Simons, Miriam Smart, Vernita Theobolds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

**Today, those interested in being lay pastoral visitors** are meeting from 12 noon to 1 pm in the Sitting Room. If you are interested in this important ministry, please join us.

**Evening Prayer – BCP** *Tuesdays at 5pm*, Zoom & In person Hybrid. Contact Rev. Abraham at <u>curate@stpeterstsimon.ca</u> if you would like to join.

**Connections Committee:** Please continue to drop off donations for the Daily Food Bank.

## From the Health & Safety Committee

As we gather in greater numbers in the fall, we are all grateful that the worst of the Covid pandemic appears to be behind us. However, numbers of cases in Ontario are slowly rising since the low point mid-July, and it is likely that there will be further increases when the colder weather returns.

New Covid vaccine boosters are expected in early to mid-October. The latest recommendations are to wait 6 months from your last booster or last Covid infection to optimize the benefits of the updated vaccine.

Meanwhile, the most important advice is to stay home if you have cold or 'flu-like symptoms. And while mask wearing is optional, masks will be available in the church for any who choose to wear them. Ted Robinson - Chair, Health & Safety Committee

**Walk 'N Roll for Refugees 2023 Garden Tour** - Help AURA help refugees. On *Saturday, September 23rd, from 10 am to 3 pm*, join Ted and Isabelle for an enchanting tour of their professionally designed garden at their home at 47 St. Leonard's Avenue. Follow this link to donate, <a href="https://auraforrefugees.org/index.php/get-involved/current-events/walk-n-roll-for-refugees-2023.">https://auraforrefugees.org/index.php/get-involved/current-events/walk-n-roll-for-refugees-2023.</a>

**Jubilate!** Call for submissions from committee and guild heads for our upcoming fall edition of Jubilate! Articles should be 400 words *maximum* and we would appreciate photos. Please send submissions no later than *September 9<sup>th</sup>*. Articles and photos can be emailed to swoodside27@gmail.com

**2024 Calendars** - it is time to order calendars. As in the past, one calendar is with photographs of churches and/or activities; the second - paintings of churches. Cost is \$10.00 per calendar; the order date is Wednesday, October 11 and the delivery date is around October 25. Please contact Sheila (416) 921-2503.

**Altar Flowers** - September 24 is available for flower donations. If you wish to donate flowers please contact Sheila (416) 921-2593.

**Intercessors Training Day** – *Saturday, September 23, 10 am to 1 pm.* Led by Father Geoff, this session will help people interested in becoming Intercessors learn how to lead the prayers of the people as well as give helpful tips to those who already share this ministry.

**Sidesperson's Luncheon** – *Sunday, September 24, 12 noon* in the SPSS Sitting Room. Please RSVP to Jessy in the Church Office.

**Caribbean Night:** Join us on *Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*, for dinner and music at Caribbean Night. Tickets are \$40/person. Contact Fen, Laurie or the office for tickets.

**Mistletoe Market** Hold the date! The annual *Mistletoe Market and Merry* Tea will be held in the parish hall at SPSS on *Saturday, November 25, from 10 am to 3 pm*. Shop for unique Christmas gifts, antique treasures, and a bake sale. Indulge in afternoon tea while being serenaded by live musicians. Please contact Mary Anderson <a href="mailto:muffiemary@yahoo.ca">muffiemary@yahoo.ca</a>, or Stephanie Woodside <a href="mailto:swoodside27@gmail.com">swoodside27@gmail.com</a> for further info.

The Next Advisory meeting will take place in October.



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#### **SERVICES - Sundays**

9.15 am Weekly - Holy Eucharist (in the Chapel of Holy Spirit)

10.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays - Choral Eucharist Traditional BCP Rite

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Choral Matins (or as announced)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Choral Eucharist Contemporary BAS Rite

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - As Announced

Evensong - As Announced

#### Wednesdays

11.00 am Weekly Sung Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

We gather to worship, share and grow together in the name of our Creator God, the Holy One of Blessing.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.