

The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 A.M.

Celebrant	The Reverend James Liu
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
	The service begins on page 67 of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> .
	For the readings please see 10:30 am.

CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 10:30 A.M. BAS P. 185

Celebrant	The Reverend James Liu
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Servers	Vincent Wong, Elijah Hughes, Ashrey Beyongyera Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo
Communion Minister	Spencer Higgins
Musicians	Mervin Fick - Director of Music Parish Choristers
Mass Settings	Sanctus and Agnus Dei – MISSA DE SANCTA MARIA MAGDALENA 

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

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

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Allegretto, Intermezzo and Offrande

F PEETERS

Processional Hymn 10 We, the Lord's People

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

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 also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria CP 686

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All **and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.
Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson

Read by Michelle Veronesi

Reader

A reading from **Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Reader

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

CHANT 1.4.

Hear my teaching, O my people: / incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; / I will utter dark sayings from of old;
Which we have heard and known, / and such as our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children, but tell them to the generation to come, /
even the praises of the LORD, and his might, and his wonderful works that he hath done.
But forgot what he had done, / and the wonderful works that he had showed for them.
Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, / in the land of Egypt, even in the
field of Zoan.
He divided the sea, and let them go through; / and he made the waters to stand as a
heap.
In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, / and all the night through with a light of
fire.
He rent the hard rocks in the wilderness, / and gave them drink abundantly as from the
deep.

Second Lesson

Read by Carol-Faye Petricko

Reader A reading from **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 715

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The word of the Lord lasts for ever. What is the Word that is living! It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

A reading from **Matthew 21:23-32**

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *Please be seated*

Choir Show Me the Way

J ALTHOUSE

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Led by Glenna Sims-Bonk

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then is said:

Celebrant 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.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

PADERBORN

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir **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.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On

the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Celebrant
All

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

MISSA DE SANCTA MARIA MAGDALENA 

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when at the altar.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar, and standing at the St Peter's Altar in the south aisle
- **Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine** - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.
- Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing will be administered in the north and south aisles.

Choir O Sacrum Convivium

G CROCE

Communion Hymn 72 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed JESU, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant

Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Doxology

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.**

All

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

RHOSYMEDRE

Dismissal

Celebrant Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Praeludium und Fugue C Major

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The ReCharge Diocesan Youth Retreat and
Youth Ministry in the Diocese

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Peter, Oshawa, its parish food bank and cooking club, sponsorship of a family in Kerala, and support of local community programs such as Denise House and The Refuge; for St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville, its participation in refugee sponsorship, and its support of a local breakfast club and ecumenical Christmas program; and for St. Philip, Etobicoke, its monthly community lunch, Christmas hamper program, and support of the Dorothy Ley hospice and the Weston Area Emergency Services food bank.

Parish Cycle: Margaret Pelz, Penny & John Pepperell, Rees Pepperell

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

Announcements

Fundraising for the initial phase of the roof repair project



Canon Geoffrey Sangwine's Installation as the Vicar of St. James Cathedral | On behalf of the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto, we warmly invite you and the congregation of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle to join us for the Installation of The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine as Vicar of St. James Cathedral.

The Installation Evensong will take place on *Sunday, October 4 at 4:30 pm*. A reception celebrating the Installation follows. All are welcome.

As a community that has been a significant part of Canon Geoff's ministry, we would be honoured to have you join us in celebrating this special occasion.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Wine Sale | There will be a sale of Ted Robinson's wines on Sunday, November 22nd in the Parish Hall during the coffee hour after the 10:30 service. All proceeds will go to the Mistletoe Tea & Market.

Mistletoe Advent Tea and Sale | Come and join fellow parishioners at a wonderful Advent Tea and Sale on Saturday November 28th, 10 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

We will have baked goods & preserves, crafts, and books for sale. All proceeds are for the ministries of this parish.

Please bring a friend or family member to this joyous parish event where we will be serenaded with seasonal music by members of the parish choir, the Toronto Beaches Chorale, the steel pan band, and the Stephen Murray String Quartet.

We are looking for volunteers, bakers and crafters!

Volunteers are needed for the set up the day before and on the day of to help at the bake sale and craft tables.

We need donations of baked goods. These can be delivered the day before or the day of the sale, prior to 10 am.

If you are a crafter, please consider making some items to sell at our crafts table.

Please let Stephanie Woodside or Jane Rajantie know if you can help out. You can speak to one of us after the 10:30 church service, or, you can email us:

janerajantie@hotmail.com, or swoodside27@gmail.com

Please note: we will **not** be having a vintage sale this year, so please **do not** drop off anything to the church as we have nowhere to store anything!

Request for Mason Jars | If you have any 1-cup or 2-cup Mason Jars, please give them to Paul Mitchell or take them to the office. Thank you!



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