

**Canon Davis Memorial Church  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Sunday, September 17, 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.*

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**Prelude**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Sentence**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you  
John 13:34

**Processional Hymn # 564**

***Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us***

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

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, **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.**

Glory to God in the highest, **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.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Collect of the Day**

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.

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**1st Reading:** Exodus 14: 19-31

## **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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 114** (*to be read responsively*)

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**2nd Reading:**Romans 14: 1-12

### **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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn # 432**  
***Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult***

**Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 18: 21-35

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**  
**Will be sent as soon as I receive it**

**The Apostles' Creed:**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**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 the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

or all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for...

#### **Prayer for a Renewed Church**

**Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**The Confession:** Most merciful God, 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.

**Absolution:** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

#### **Offertory Hymn # 509**

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**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..**

#### **Eucharist Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have

been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**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 those who 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.**

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

**Give us this bread for ever.**

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

**May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

#### **The Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

#### **Doxology**

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.**

#### **Recessional Hymn # 565**

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

#### **Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love for ever more. **Amen.**

#### **Benediction Song *Go Now in Peace***

*(found in the back of the blue hymn book)*

#### **Dismissal**

***The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Louise and Glen Hayter, a dear and loving Mom and Dad, Gram and Gramps, Great-Grammie and Great Grandpooh, and loved ones, a gift with love from Sheree Lynn, Mike, Jason and Lucy.***

Please enter names in the **Intercessions Book** each week to be read in the service.

#### NEWS AND EVENTS

Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week email [canondavis@gmail.com](mailto:canondavis@gmail.com) or call 519-344-9531.

If you would like to contact Rev'd Jon Forbes or would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, Rev'd Jon may be reached at 1-905-818-9488 or email [jonforbes@outlook.com](mailto:jonforbes@outlook.com)

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

The **Chancel Guild** will be decorating the church for Harvest Sunday and Thanksgiving. All donations **of fruits, vegetables and flowers** are welcomed and appreciated. Please bring your items to the church for **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 30th**. If you would like to donate but are unable to get to the church you are welcome to make a monetary donation to the Chancel Guild. They will in turn make a purchase for you. All edible produce will be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Any questions please contact Seonaid at 519-336-6036.

**Forest United Church** is having a Fall Bazaar and Lunch **September 29**. Please see the announcement on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

#### Upcoming Events:

Still time to make that call at **519 344 9531** to make a reservation or place a take-out order for CDM's "**Fish Dinner**" on **September 20**. Cost: Adults \$20.00

**Sew Day - Saturday September 23**, and Saturday **October 28** from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Cost \$20.00 and lunch is provided. To sign up, please call Carol Turner at 519 384 3015

**This year, CDM will celebrate the Harvest Home Freewill Thanksgiving Breakfast on Sunday October 1 after church in the Parish Hall.**

#### Reminders

**20 Sep Fish Dinner – Parish Hall**

**23 Sep Sew Days 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**27 Sep Parish Council Meeting 10:00  
a.m. Boardroom**

**1 Oct Harvest Home Freewill  
Thanksgiving Breakfast**