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"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

**YOUR TALENT
IS GOD'S
GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU DO WITH IT
IS YOUR GIFT
BACK TO GOD.**

Priest-in-Charge

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We kindly ask that this bulletin be kept or discarded at a later time.

COVID-19 REMINDERS:

Physical Distancing:

The practice of physical distancing is **mandatory** inside and outside of the Church premises. Please maintain a minimum of 6 feet (2 metres) away from others, as much as possible. Whereas physical distancing is difficult to maintain, a mask or face covering **must** be worn as instructed below.

Face Masks and Coverings:

The use of a mask or face covering is **mandatory** inside of the Church, as required under the City of Toronto By-Law: 541-2020. Exceptions are children under the age of two, persons with underlying medical conditions and those who are unable to place or remove one without assistance. **In the case where a face mask or covering cannot be used, we ask that you use your highest discretion to protect yourself and those around you.**

Hand Hygiene:

Hand sanitizers are placed around the church and is **required** to be used upon entering, before receiving communion, before and/or after using the washroom, and recommended to be used after exiting. All of our hand sanitizers contain at least 70% Isopropyl Alcohol.

Music and Singing:

There is to be no congregational or choral singing, as aerosol and respiratory droplets can travel more than 6 feet (2 metres). Microphones are not to be shared.

Food Services and Coffee Hours:

All food services and coffee hours are suspended until further notice. This does not include the Emergency Food Pantry, which will continue to operate on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Our monthly community lunch remains suspended until further notice.

Offerings and Donations:

There is a box set-up for offerings and donations prior to entering the sanctuary. Cash will be allowed at this time. All cash money donations must be placed in the envelopes provided.

Children and Sunday School:

Children under the age of ten are to remain with their family. Families will be allowed to bring snacks or toys for children, however they must not be shared. Take-home activities will be given out to the youth weekly. **We ask that these activities do not be opened until returning home.** Additionally, the Owen Room will be used only for the youth ten years of age and older. The Owen Room will remain closed at this time for parishioners.

Order of Service
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15, 2020

9:30 a.m. BAS Holy Communion

Quiet Please – Live-Stream in Progress.

Please silence all cellular devices and keep conversations to a minimum.

Organ Prelude

Welcome: The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

Land Acknowledgement: The land that we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

***People:* to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secret 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:

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 of the Day:

Celebrant: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Judges 4: 1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

1. To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
2. **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
3. So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
4. **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5. Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (*Recording*)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Musical Selection: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, Jaime Barrow

Please Stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

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

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

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went

away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon: The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

The People Respond to God's Word

The Apostles' Creed:

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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 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.

Intercessory Prayers

The Prayers of the People:

Intercessor: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor: For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For this city of Toronto, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Remembering St. Peter all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

***People:* To you, O Lord.**

Intercessor: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***People:* Amen.**

Confession and Absolution:

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

***People:* 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

***People:* Amen.**

The Peace:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Musical Selection: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*, Jaime Barrow

Prayer over the Gifts:

Celebrant: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 1:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: 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: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us

to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer:

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

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 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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion of God's People

Musical Selection: *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*, Jaime Barrow

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Doxology:

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Announcements

Benediction:

All: May God's blessings surround you this day, as you trust him and walk in his way. Let his presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:

Readers: Lionel Surujbally & Cayden Yetman (*Recording*)

Intercessor: Jaime Barrow

PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours:

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fridays: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bible Readings for next Sunday, November 22, 2020

The Reign of Christ:

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests and Visitors Thank you for worshipping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope this service holds meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return any Sunday so that we may continue to worship together.

Emergency Food Pantry: The Emergency Food Pantry continues to be open on **Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** for canned goods and packaged items. No appointment is required. If you are struggling for food during this time, we can help. Donations are graciously accepted.

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