

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

IN



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We acknowledge that the land on which
we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Opening

Processional Hymn *"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"* **CP 420**

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Exodus 1:8—2:10

A reading from Exodus.

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ ‘When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’ ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’ ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.’

² Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’ [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 **If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their
teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. [NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn “The Solid Rock” CH 526

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid rock I stand -
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood.
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you,

you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. [NRSV-A]

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

Sermon Fr Chris Ketch

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn “I Surrender All” **CLH 305**

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All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give:
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all*
- 2

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me Jesus take me now.
- 3

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me Savior wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit Fill me,
May I know Thy pow’r divine.
- 4

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

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Receiving of Communion

While the church receives communion in silence, take the time to reflect or pray or sit quietly and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

“One Bread, One Body” CP 73

Refrain:

*One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

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“The Risen Christ”

TSH 330

- 1 O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ.
- 2 O Word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in you;
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the risen Christ.
- 3 O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ.
- 4 May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ.

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Prayer after Communion

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Blessing *as given by the presider*

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

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Recessional Hymn *“The Church’s One Foundation”* **CP 525**

Postlude

Those serving today’s worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Joyce Mitchell & Ann Stone
<i>Sunday School</i>	Finished for the Summer
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Patti & Jim Touchbourne
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Second Reader</i>	Ann Stone
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Chris Ketch
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Paul Desjardins

Who’s serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday – August 30 *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Service of the Word* Scripture readings Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least \$ 200/month!

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Happy Birthday this Week to:

John Pickel, August 25

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“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of August 23-29

Mon: Daryl and Marilyn Galbraith and Family

Tue: Shayne and Dawn Galbraith and Family

Wed: Judy Mae Gallant

Thur: Doug and Leonie Gos

Fri: The Rev. Dan McMullen and his ministry

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Grenville Ingraham, Ruth
Northeast, Arlene Trask

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly
Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean,
Wendy DeWitt, Shirley Downing, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie
Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff,
Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla
Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle

In August, we pray for unions that assist the seafarers, the
International Labor Organization, the Seafarers International Union
and the International Transport Workers Federation, that they may
bring about justice and seek the fair treatment of seafarers.

Prayer Shawls - if you know someone in our parish who is in great
need for prayer and would find comfort in a shawl made with love and
care. Contact Ngaire Nelson at 506-672-8666 or the church office at
506-635-8145.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point, and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows what we need best! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson (672-8666)