

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

IN



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Diocese of Fredericton
Anglican Church of Canada

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territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

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THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

Greeting

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought
us together to praise you for your goodness and to
ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past, and your purpose in the
week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “Come, Thou Almighty King” CH 8

- 1 Come, Thou Almighty King.
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on the mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success.
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.
- 3 Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart

And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

- 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence ever-more;
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Invitation, Confession and Prayer of Forgiveness

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

All **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.**

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Officiant We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another in the peace of Christ.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Officiant Thank you, Father,
for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us
through your Word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of the One in whose name we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*,
Anglican Church of Australia 1999)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31
A reading from Genesis.

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. [NRSV-A]

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

Psalms 17:1-8

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
 give heed to my cry; *
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; ***
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 **I give no offence with my mouth as others do; ***
 I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
 in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; ***
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, *
 O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who rise up against them.
- 8 **Keep me as the apple of your eye; ***
 hide me under the shadow of your wings,

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
[NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” CH 139

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been, Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

- 3 Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from Matthew.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ ¹⁷ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. [NRSV-A]

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

Sermon Paul Desjardins

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of love: hear our prayer."

Lord God almighty, we pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We ask your grace for David our bishop, Chris our priest-in-charge, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [*especially....*], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to you all who have died [*especially....*] that our trust in you may deepen as you show us the depth of your mercy.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader These and all our prayers we offer to you, heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn for the Offering “The Lord Is My Shepherd” CP 519

Officiant Let us pray.

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

All Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known. And through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the risen and ascended Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn “10,000 Reasons” (Blessed Assurance)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my Soul, O my soul;
 Worship his holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.
- 2 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
 It's time to sing your song again.
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Congregation)

- Bless the Lord, O my Soul, O my soul;
 Worship his holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul;
 I'll worship your holy name.
- 3 You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
 Your name is great and your heart is kind.
 For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
 Ten Thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Congregation)

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, O my soul;
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

- 4 And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing your praise unending;
Ten Thousand years and then forevermore!

(Congregation)

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, O my soul;
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name. I'll worship your holy name.

"10,000 Reason (Bless the Lord)"

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Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan Dole & Nancy Kerrigan
<i>Sunday School</i>	Finished for Summer
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Bill Sherriff & Judy Galbraith
<i>First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Marilyn Galbraith
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Officiant
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Officiant & preacher</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Shayne Galbraith

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

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday – August 9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost -Fr.
Chris presiding Scripture readings Genesis 37:1-28; Psalm 105;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33



Happy Birthday this Week to:

Elizabeth Kerrigan & Joyce Mitchell, August 3
Valda McMullen, August 4
Katie Miller, August 5
Lois McHarg, August 6

"Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism"

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of *August 2-8*

Mon: Paul and Sherry Desjardins and Family
Tue: Wendy DeWitt and Kaitlyn
Wed: Michael and Tanya Dixon, Jenna and Emily
Thur: Joshua Divahar
Fri: Our Sexton, Larry Totton

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.