

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

IN



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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PARISH OF LANCASTER
Diocese of Fredericton
Anglican Church of Canada

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

From Supplementary Texts (2001) to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

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 “Let’s Sing unto the Lord” CP 417

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,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 45:1-15

A reading from Genesis.

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. [NRSV-A]

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

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 **It is like fine oil upon the head ***
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon ***
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Reading Romans 11:25-32

A reading from Romans.

²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' ²⁷ 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.'

²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. [NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" CP 292

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from Matthew.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. [NRSV-A]

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

Sermon Joyce Mitchell

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 “There is a Balm in Gilead” TSH 632

*There is a balm in Gilead,
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead,
To heal the sin-sick soul.*

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my hope again.
- 2 Don't ever feel discouraged,
'Cause Jesus is your friend,
And if you look for knowledge,
He'll never fail to lend.
- 3 If you can't preach like Peter,
If you can't pray like Paul,
Just tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all.

African American Traditional Spiritual (Jeremiah 8: 22) (Public Domain)

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

<i>Officiant</i>	And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
<i>All</i>	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

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the risen and ascended Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn “His Eye is on the Sparrow” TSH 649

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Civilla D. Martin, 1905
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Postlude

Those serving today’s worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherry D. & Marilyn G.
<i>Sunday School</i>	Finished for Summer
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Lori McGovern & Carol Patterson
<i>First Reader</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Second Reader</i>	Tina Ouellette
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Officiant
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell

<i>Officiant & preacher</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Beverly Janes

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

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday – August 23 *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Fr. Chris presiding* Scripture readings Exodus 1:8—2:10; *Psalm 124*; Romans 12:1-18; Matthew 16:13-20

Happy Birthday this Week to:

Chloe Cochrane, August 19
Linda Whitehouse, August 19
Ian McMullen, August 21



“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of August 16-22

Mon: Doug and Sharon Fillmore, Sarah and Sophie
Tue: Kevin and Holly Fitzpatrick, Meredith & Andrew
Wed: David Flewelling
Thur: John and Lynn Flewelling, Kate & Michael
Fri: Our Volunteers, Sides Persons and Counters

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.