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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 “*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*” **CP 349**

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The Collect of the Day

**Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruits of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water,

but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. [NRSV-A]

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

Psalms 149

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 **Let Israel rejoice in his maker; ***
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people ***
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 **Let the praises of God be in their throat ***
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 **To bind their kings in chains ***
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgement decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. [NRSV-A]

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Gradual Hymn *"Your Word, O God, a Living Sword"* **CP 604**

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

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.

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree

on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.' [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 *"Softly and Tenderly"* **CLH 303**

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
 Calling for you and for me;
 See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
 Watching for you and for me.

 Refrain:
 Come home, come home,
 Ye who are weary, come home;
 Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 Calling, O sinner, come home!
- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
 Pleading for you and for me?
 Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
 Mercies for you and for me?
- 3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
 Passing from you and from me;
 Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming,
 Coming for you and for me!
- 4 O for the wonderful love He has promised,
 Promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for 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:

“Before I Take the Body of My Lord” CP 610

- 1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share His life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within:
these I lay down.
- 2 The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
The signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.
- 3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.
- 4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction of Christ's peace
might be laid down

- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, Companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands
and ask to meet You here in bread and wine
which You lay down.

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“I Need Thee Every Hour”

TSH 619

- 1 I need Thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

Refrain:

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.*

- 2 I need Thee every hour,
stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow’r
when Thou art nigh.

- 3 I need Thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
or life is vain.

- 4 I need Thee every hour,
most Holy One;
Oh, make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

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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

Dismissal

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Recessional Hymn “Redeemed” CH 516

- 1 Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.

Refrain:

*Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child and forever I am.*

- 2 Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.
- 3 I think of my blessèd Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long:
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.
- 4 I know I shall see in His beauty,
The King, in Whose law I delight,
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps,
And giveth me songs in the night.

Fanny Crosby, 1882 (Public Domain)

Postlude

Those serving today’s worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bev, Carol & Sharon T.
<i>Sunday School</i>	Finished for the Summer
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Bill Sherriff& Judy Galbraith
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Second Reader</i>	Ngaire Nelson
<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 – September 13 *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Service of the Word* Scripture readings Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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!

Happy Birthday this Week to:



Jeff Maker, September 6
Margaret Boyer, September 8
Rick Cunningham, September 10

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of September 6-12

Mon: Rob and Debra Howard
Tue: Jim and Sherry Hyde and Erin
Wed: George Ingraham
Thur: Grenville Ingraham
Fri: Our Altar Guild and its 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 September, we pray for Shipping Agents that they may have a constant spirit of service in their dealings with ship's crews.

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)