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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 Common Prayer*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Scripture Sentence

Opening Hymn *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

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Collect for Purity

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Summary of the Law

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"Lord, have mercy" (*Kyrie eleison*)

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The Gloria

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Collect of the Day

**O Lord, we beseech thee,
let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church;
and, because it cannot continue in safety,
without thy succour,
preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

A reading from Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what

are we, that you complain against us?’ ⁸ And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.”’ ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”’

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. [NRSV-A]

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

Psalms 105:1-6

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the Lord and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from Philippians.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. [NRSV-A]

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Gradual Hymn *"People need the Lord"* (as recorded by David Mitchell)

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Hear the Holy Gospel written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You

also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

[NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Sermon Fr Christopher Ketch

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

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Offertory Hymn “*Compassion Hymn*”

TSH 493

- 1 There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us
 When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;
 You called the sheep with- out a shepherd to leave their distress
 For your streams of forgiveness and the shade of your rest.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace
 You have shown us, O God of compassion!*

*Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world your compassion!*

- 2 And with compassion for the hurting, you reached out your hand
As the lame ran to meet you and the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.
- 3 We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on your face
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace,
For surely you have borne our suffering and carried our grief
As you pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.
- 4 How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need-
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristen Getty, Stuart Townend

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The Communion

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:

- 1 Who am I to be part of Your people,
The ones that are called by Your name?
Could I be chose as one of Your own,
Could it be that our blood is the same?
How can a stranger, a remnant of nations
Belong to the royal line?
You showed Your grace
when the branches were broken,
And I grafted into the Vine.

Baruch Hashem Adonai,
Baruch Hashem Adonai,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Baruch Hashem Adonai.

- 2 How could you show me such bountiful mercy
by taking the life of the Lamb?
Your love is greater than I can imagine,
I bless You with all that I am.
Praise to you Jesus, the veil has been parted,
And what once was secret is known.
Now I can cry to you, Abba! my Father,
and praise you as one of your own.

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“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

CP 569

AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord’s Prayer

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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“Glory be to God”

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The Blessing *as given by the presider*

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Closing Hymn “My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness” TSH 663

- 1

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me in his light
And wrote His law of righteousness
with power upon my heart.
- 2

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly
Whose every promise is enough
for every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.
- 3

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
is given by the King
So I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow Him.

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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 the Summer

<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Lori McGovern & Carol Patterson
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Second Reader</i>	Patti Skidmore
<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>	Terry Ricketts

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

THIS WEEK

- Wed, Sept 23, 10:00 am** Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
- Wed, Sept 23, 7:00 pm** Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday – September 27 *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Service of the Word* Scripture readings Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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:



Jenna Dixon, September 21
Karen Galbraith, September 23
Katie Flewelling, September 24
Bruce MacLeod, September 26

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of September 20-26

Mon: Ronald and Jillian Kearney and Family
Tue: Audrey Keating
Wed: Fr. Chris Ketch, Laura and Family
Thur: John and Nancy Kerrigan, Elizabeth and Veronica
Fri: Our Choir its fellowship and inspiring 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, Avery Sherrieff-Craft, 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)

