

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 *"To God Be the Glory"*

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit

to be the life and light of your Church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

in love, joy, and peace;

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

Genesis 37:1-28

A reading from Genesis.

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵ Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷ There we were, binding sheaves in the field.

Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.’ ⁸ His brothers said to him, ‘Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?’ So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

⁹ He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, ‘Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’ ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, ‘What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?’ ¹¹ So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, ‘Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ ¹⁴ So he said to him, ‘Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.’ So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, ‘What are you seeking?’ ¹⁶ ‘I am seeking my brothers,’ he said; ‘tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.’ ¹⁷ The man said, ‘They have gone away, for I heard them say, “Let us go to Dothan.”’ So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, ‘Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.’ ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, ‘Let us not take his life.’ ²² Reuben said to them, ‘Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him’—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our

own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. [NRSV-A]

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

Psalms 105

- 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.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgements prevail in all the world.
- 8 **He has always been mindful of his covenant, ***
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 **Which he established as a statute for Jacob, ***
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 12 **When they were few in number, ***
of little account, and sojourners in the land,
- 13 Wandering from nation to nation *
and from one kingdom to another,
- 14 **He let no one oppress them ***
and rebuked kings for their sake,
- 15 Saying, "Do not touch my anointed *
and do my prophets no harm."
- 16 **Then he called for a famine in the land ***
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *

Joseph, who was sold as a slave
18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
 the word of the Lord tested him.
20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
 21 He set him as master over his household, *
 as a ruler over all his possessions,
22 To instruct his princes according to his will *
And to teach his elders wisdom.

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,
 on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

[NRSV-A]

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

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning
 Safe and secure from all alarms;
 Leaning, leaning
 Leaning on the everlasting arms*

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near.
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Words: Elisha Albright Hoffman, 1887
Music: Anthony Johnson Showalter, 1887*

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

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.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

²⁸ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ ²⁹ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the

boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' [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 *"I need Thee every hour"* **recorded by David Mitchell**

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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:

<i>"Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult"</i>	CP 432
<i>"When I Survey"</i>	MP 1126

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 on which the Prince of Glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 save in the death of Christ, my God:
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
 that were an offering far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1707
(Public Domain)*

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 *“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”* **CP 309**

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet,
 Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
 Praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
 Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
 Praise the Lord in the city square,
 Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
 Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
 Praise the Lord in the dark of night
 Praise the Lord in the rain or snow
 Or in the morning light.
 Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
 Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
 Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal
 Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
 Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
 Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
 Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
 Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
 Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
 Praise the Lord in the time of joy,
 Praise the Lord every moment;
 Nothing let your praise destroy.
 Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
 Praise the Lord in your work or play,
 Praise the Lord everywhere, in every way.

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Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bev, Sharon & Carol
<i>Sunday School</i>	Finished for the Summer
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Pam Boucher
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Heather Masson
<i>Second Reader</i>	Heather Masson
<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>	Patti Skidmore

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

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday – August 16 *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Service of the Word* Scripture readings Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:25-32; Matthew 15:21-28

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!



Happy Birthday this Week to:

Paul Desjardins, August 12
Lindsay Bowen, August 12
Ethan Kearney, August 14
Ralph Stephen, August 15

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of *August 9-15*

Mon: Rick and Beverly Doiron and Family
Tue: Ernest and Catherine Ellingwood
Wed: Barb Ellis
Thur: Ruth Ferguson
Fri: The West-Side Alcoholic Anonymous Group

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)