



August 8th, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

NOTE: In-person services are currently suspended due to Covid-19 until further notice. Our pre-recorded weekly Worship Service is posted to our [YouTube channel](#) every Sunday after 9:00 a.m. We hope you will worship with us virtually and consider sharing the YouTube link with your friends, family, and neighbours! God is with us.



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***"To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons"***

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SUNDAY SERVICE

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*We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. We follow the Order of Service in the **Book of Alternative Services.***

Prelude: "Plein jeu"François Couperin

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord;
anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. *John 6.51*

Opening Hymn 7 "New every morning is the love"MELCOMBE

New every morning is the love our waking and up rising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and
thought.

New mercies, each returning day, however around us while we pray;
New perils past new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still of countless price God will provide for sacrifice.

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Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see;
Some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road, to bring us daily nearer God.

Only O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

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: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Glory to God

Officiant: Glory to God in the highest

All: and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray

(a moment of silence is taken)

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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Reader: A reading from the second book of Samuel

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Refrain: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; (1)
Lord, hear my voice; (2)
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. (4) **Refrain**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared. **Refrain**

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you;
in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than sentinels for the morning,
more than sentinels for the morning. **Refrain**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
with whom there is plenteous redemption,
and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **Refrain**

Second Lesson Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Gradual Hymn 56 "I am the bread" PICKET WOOD

I am the bread, the bread of life; who comes to me will never hunger
I am the bread, the bread of heaven; who feeds on me will never die,
And as you eat, remember me, my body broken on the tree:
My life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.

I am the vine, the living vine; apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine; abide I me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me – my blood was shed upon the tree;
My life was given to set you free, and I'm alive forever more.
So eat this bread, and drink this wine, and as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you, that you may live for ever more.

Holy Gospel John 6:35, 41-51

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospeller: Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Canon John Wilton

Please take a moment for silent reflection following the sermon.

Apostle's 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.

Officiant: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Jane Couchman)*

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All : **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, upon those whom you love, and those whom you would pray for, today and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: 507 "Blest be the tie that binds" DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Jesus' love;
the fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.

Before God's gracious throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bears;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain;
That we shall still be joined in heart and one day meet again.

One glorious hope revives, our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives and longs to see the day.

When from all toil and pain and sin we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fugue sur la Trompette"Francois Couperin

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: The Church of South India (United)
ACC* The Rt. Rev. Robert Hardwick, Bishop, and the clergy
and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle
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Parish: Families of **Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts & Robinson**
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2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

During this season we are reading some of the stories from the books of Samuel. The collection of materials we know was likely gathered together and edited in the late monarchic or exilic period, and as a whole has been framed with poems (1 Samuel 2 and 2 Samuel 22-23) that hold up the idea of the king who is the Anointed one, (the Mashiah) whose role is to create justice and hope in a world of power, hunger and oppression. The narrative of the book focusses on the period from about 1050-950 BCE during which the twelve tribes came under increasing pressure from the peoples living on the Gaza coast, as well as surrounding city states. Some key players in the second part of Samuel are: David, the ruthless gang-leader and enforcer from southern Judah who brings death and betrayal to almost everyone he encounters, yet somehow comes to be seen as Israel's greatest monarch and the father of a dynasty that will rule in Jerusalem for the next four centuries; Joab, David's key military commander and enforcer; Nathan, a figure who seems to have been a court prophet; and Absalom, David's son by a wife from northeastern Israel, who eventually leads a popular revolt against his father. Following David's adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband, and Nathan's arrival with YHWH's word of judgement on David's behaviour, the narrative of 2 Samuel shows the unravelling of his house in rape, sibling conflict, revenge murder, alienation between father and children. Eventually Absalom, the oldest son, leads a popular rebellion. In terms of the larger history this reflects, it is worth noting that Absalom's mother is from the north and east of the Jordan, and as 1 and 2 Kings make clear, in northern Israel there was never clear acceptance either of monarchy or of Judean control. Our reading for today is another of the narratives that paints David in larger than life colours. As the rebellion is put down, David directs Joab and his other commanders to treat Absalom well. Joab (who was after all retained for his military pragmatism) kills Absalom when he gets the chance. The art of the larger narrative can be seen by reading chapters 14 and 18 against each other. Both involve a triangle between David, Joab and Absalom, and chapter 14 includes, seemingly out of nowhere, a description of Absalom's beauty and his long hair, which becomes a central player in his death in chapter 18. The episode concludes with the account of David's overwhelming grief at Absalom's death. In subtle ways it captures the realities of such parental grief at the death of a child and also moves just over the edge of excess. Whoever in Solomon's court created this Succession narrative was unquestionably one of the two or three greatest prose writers in Israel's history. [Suggested further reading for this week 2 Samuel 18 through 1 Kings 1.]

[Dr. Walter Deller/2021]

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH (online via ZOOM) Our next date is scheduled for **Saturday, August 21st** at 11:00 a.m. To help with our preparations, and, in order to receive the Zoom link and the bag with materials, and food, please make sure to REGISTER no later than *Wednesday, August 18th*. by emailing office@stmatthew.ca or go to our [website stmatthew.ca](http://website.stmatthew.ca) and under CONTACT let us know, the date(s) you will be joining us, your name, phone number and the names of your child(ren).

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Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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