

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost:

*July 2, 2023*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# MORNING PRAYER

## Organ Prelude

### The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

#### Opening Hymn # 609

*Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life*



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*The people standing, the Officiant may say*

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* ***And your glory all the day long.***

*Officiant and People*

***Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

### Hymn # 391

### Psalm 100

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

*The congregation may wish to sit for the Psalm*

**Psalm 13** *the congregation is invited to say the Psalm together in unison*

*1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?*

*2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?*

*3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;*

*4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.*

*5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.*

*6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.*

### **The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: Our Hebrew scripture is the story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son Isaac in obedience to the Lord's command.*

#### **A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis: (22:1-14)**

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him,

Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People            Thanks be to God.*

### **Canticle # 9**

*The First song Of Isaiah*

Isaiah 12:2-6

*Surely, it is God who saves me; \**

*I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \**  
*and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \**  
*from the springs of salvation.*

*And on that day you shall say, \**

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*  
*Make his deeds known among the peoples; \**  
*see that they remember that his Name is exalted.*

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \**  
*and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \**  
*for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*INTRODUCTION: This second reading teaches that by the grace of God Christians are no longer slaves to sin but are obedient to the service of righteousness.*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans: (6:12-23)**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from

death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn # 660**      *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

*INTRODUCTION: In our third reading, Jesus tells of reward for disciples who find themselves welcomed in his name.*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew: (10:40-42)**

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sermon**

Laura Daly, *licensed Preacher*

### **The Creed Of The United Church of Canada**

*We are not alone,  
 we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:  
 who has created and is creating,  
 who has come in Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh,  
 to reconcile and make new,  
 who works in us and others  
 by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the Church:  
 to celebrate God's presence,  
 to live with respect in Creation,*

*to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.*

*We are not alone.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Suffrages**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. ***And grant us your salvation.***

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. ***Let your people sing with you.***

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. ***For only in you can we live in safety.***

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. ***Your saving health among all nations.***



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Offertory Hymn # 380      *From All That Dwell Below The Skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*An offering to God will be collected during the singing of this hymn.*

*Officiant:* Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Closing Hymn # 719

*O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Beautiful For Spacious Skies'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. The music is in a common time signature and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self-con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

*The Officiant may then conclude*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**      *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **Organ Postlude**

### **Worship Ministers Today:**

Tom Hollinger: 8:00 *Officiant*  
 Sara Coles: 10:00 *Officiant*  
 Laura Daly: *Preacher*  
 Emily Souza: *Organist*  
 John Magee: 8:00 *Reader*  
 Ann Hodgman: 10:00 *Reader*  
 Joseph Claro: *Veejay (VJ)*  
 Susie Magee, Corinne Johnson: *Altar Guild*  
 Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*