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## *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**September 19, 2021**

*I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Reverend Canon Susan Oliver  
Reader: Sarah Dixon

*The flowers on the altar are offered in loving memory of our parents Kathleen and Bud Read  
from their family.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude: Children of the Heavenly Father (arr. Pethel)

Opening Hymn: #384 Praise the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

***The Gathering of the Community***

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 Reading: Proverbs 10:10-31

A capable wife who can find?

**All: She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.**

Reader: She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

**All: She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls.**

Reader: She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

**All: She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.**

Reader: She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

**All: She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.**

Reader: She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

**All:** She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

Reader: She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

**All:** Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Reader: Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm The Tree Song by Ken Medema

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along.  
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky growing tall and strong.  
"How do you grow so tall and strong?" I said to the riverside tree.  
This is the song my tree friend sang to me:

Chorus:

I've got roots growing down to the water,  
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,  
and the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.  
I am shade from the hot summer sundown.  
I am nest for the birds of the heavens.  
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be:  
A strong young tree.

I saw a tree in the wintertime, when snow lay on the ground.  
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky winter winds blew all  
around. "How do you stay so tall and strong?" I said to the  
wintertime tree. This is the song my tree friend sang to me: (Chorus)

I saw a tree in the city streets, where buildings blocked the sun.  
Green and lovely I could see it gave joy to everyone. "How do you  
grow in the city streets?" I said to the downtown tree. This is the  
song my tree friend sang to me: (Chorus)

Gradual Hymn #714 Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Mark (9:30-37)

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn #714 Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

The Reverend Canon Susan Oliver

The Apostle's Creed

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Peace*

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*We offer the peace of Christ collectively, rather than individually.  
Please feel free to smile at your neighbour, but refrain from shaking hands.*

### *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn: Lead Me Lord (Wesley)

Prayer over the Gifts

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: God of power,

**All: the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. .... By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; ..... All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People:** Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



Music during Communion

It is Well With My Soul (arr. Beck)

King of Glory, King of Peace (arr. Scott)

Prayer after Communion

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Ruler of the universe,

**All:** all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: 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

Announcements

## Recessional Hymn #506 Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all Joy, whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares could destroy, be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands  
were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours  
and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts,  
Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace, be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (arr. Alex-Zsolt)

**This week we pray for:** Diocese of Montreal: the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop.  
Clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Dona Armstrong; Audrey  
Aylard; Norma Beaver; Pat Bergstrom; Carol Canton; Mary Dyck; Beth-Anne Exham;  
Kathleen Gale; Peggy Gibbons; Shirley Hanes; Ron Hörst; Diane Howes;  
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Betty Myles; Janice Roderick; Roberta Shell; Dorothy Wilson. Buyé Diocese, Kobero Parish  
(St. Stephen): Elie Ndacayisenga, Rector. Cold Lake First Nations.

### *Readings for Next Sunday*

Esther 7:1-6,9,10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20;

Mark 9:38-50

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You are invited to join one of our choirs:

The Christ Church Handbell Ringers meet Tuesday evening at 5 pm in the Parish Hall. Masks and distancing will be in place. All are welcome to join. Debbie Rice will be leading this new music ministry at the church! Contact the Church Office for more information

Joy is seeking new members for our church choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Contact Joy for more information (joybert61@gmail.com)

The Sanctuary Women's Ensemble is a non-auditioned women's ensemble which will sing sacred repertoire from a variety of eras from unison to SSAA. Rehearsals will be held at Christ Church on Wednesdays (5:30-6:30 pm). Please contact Joy Berg for more information. (joyberg61@gmail.com)