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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

*If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.
1 John 4:12*

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

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Maureer Crerar
Preacher: Dr. Doug Harink
Reader: Tom Snyder

The flowers on the altar are offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our church community's dedicated volunteers.

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

Opening Hymn: #527 How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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 built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Song: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong. R

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me he who died
heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. R

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." R



The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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 (10:2-16)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #714 Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon

Dr. Doug Harink

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 Music: The Gift of Love (Hopson)

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: God of Truth,

All: receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Day by Day

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone,
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure;
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory,
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by servin, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This week we pray for: Diocese of New Westminster: the Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop. The staff of the Diocesan Synod Office: the Rt. Rev. Stephen London (s. Stephanie), Bishop; Jennifer Alexander (s. Peter), Bishop's Assistant; Lee Bezanson (s. Bernadine), Executive Archdeacon; John Gee, Deacon and Synod Secretary-Treasurer; Margaret Glidden (s. Roy), Director of Communications; Shelly King (s. Richard), Deacon and Administrative Assistant. Buyé Diocese, Giheta Parish: Audace Gahungu, Rector. Ermineskin Cree Nation.

Readings for Next Sunday: Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

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Announcements

We invite you to drop off produce at the Church Office door on Wednesday, October 6 or Thursday, October 7 from 9am to 3pm for our Harvest Thanksgiving display. We will donate the food to YESS.

2022 Church Calendars are for sale. Please contact the office (admin@christchurchedm.ca or 780.488.118 to reserve your copy. The cost is \$10 and the calendars will be mailed to you.

We would like to provide our children with an Easter Resurrection Scene in 2022. The edges of the scene need to be lightly sanded and the pieces glued in place. If you would like to help with this project contact the office (admin@christchurchedm.ca or 780.488.118)



If you have a prayer request to be included in the Prayers of the People at our 10am Sunday Service, please contact the office (admin@christchurchedm.ca or 780.488.1118)

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