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The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4th, 2022

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Matthew 11:29*

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Clergy:	The Reverend Armand Mercier
Preacher:	Rev. Jonathan De Koning
Crucifer:	Ken Singleton
Reader:	Anna Schroeder
Sidespersons:	Helen Ward and Greg Heaton
Organist:	Karen Epp
Coffee Host:	

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of my parents and grandparents from Marjorie Anderson.*

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*Today we welcome into the household of God, Julian Thomas Harris: brother to Rowan and  
Abram, son to Josh and Sarah, beloved child of God.*

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 wáhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude

Processional Hymn #416 All Things Bright And Beautiful

**Refrain:**

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings. **R**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. **R**

The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall. **R**

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. **R**

### The Gathering of the Community

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: There is one body and one Spirit,

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**People: One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly  
bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly  
rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### Children's Talk

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the

inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Psalm 139:1-5,12-17



Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. R

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. R

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. R

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book; they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them. R

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!  
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to  
count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. R

Gospel Gradual: #715 Alleluia

**Refrain: 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. Luke (Luke 14:25-33)

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

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Gradual: #715 Alleluia

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Sermon:

Rev. Jonathan De Koning

### *The Presentation of the Candidate*

Celebrant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present *N* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayer and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents: I will, with God's help.

*The celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and sponsor.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of the world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents: I do.

### *The Community of All the Saints*

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

### **The Prayers**

Leader: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Be with those in our community who are in need today. We remember especially ... **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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, almighty God, for by the gift of water you nurture and sustain all living things.

**All: Blessed be God, forever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**All: Blessed be God, forever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God, forever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth,

**All: Blessed be God, forever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for you have called Julian to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water that your servant who is washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. Anoint him with your Holy Spirit and bring him to new birth in the family of your Church.

**All: Amen.**

## Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. Who descended to the dead. Who, on the third day, rose again. Who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**People: Yes, I put my hope and trust in God.**

### *The Baptism*

Celebrant: N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own forever.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and The Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sins, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**All: Amen.**

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

**People: And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #502 You are Salt for the Earth

You are salt for the earth, O people,  
salt for the kingdom of God;  
share the flavour of life, O people,  
life in the kingdom of God.

**Refrain**

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace,  
bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God!**

You are the light on the hill, O people,  
light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the kingdom of God. **R**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice  
Grow in the kingdom of God! **R**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people  
Bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our home-land:  
Love is the kingdom of God. **R**

Celebrant: Great and Holy God,

**All:** **accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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... Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### #735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks...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

**People: 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.**

### #747 Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

### The Communion

*Those who wish to share in Holy Communion may look to the sidespeople for guidance.*

Communion Music: (soloist Gabe Stephens)

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for  
wealthy nor wise ones.  
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.

Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas. R

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold  
and no weapons, but nets for fishing, my daily labor. R

You need my hands, full of caring; use my labors to give others rest,  
with love desiring to keep on loving. R

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls  
who are waiting, call me "beloved," and seek my friendship. R

Celebrant: Living God,

**All: your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who  
have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and  
glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### *The Giving of the Light*

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from  
darkness to light.

**All: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your  
good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

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

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: #602 Lift High the Cross

**Refrain:**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!  
If we are silent, even stones cry out. **R**

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:  
Teach us compassion for each human life. **R**

Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
To follow and suffer with the Son of God. **R**

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,  
Come take up this song into eternity. **R**

Postlude

**This week we pray for:** Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, the Rt. Rev. Nigel Shaw. St. Patrick, Whitecourt: Rita Milne, Priest-in-Charge (*on leave*). Buyé Diocese, Kigufi Parish: Hatungimana Ezechiel, Rector. Louis Bull Tribe.

*Next Sunday's Readings:*

Jerimiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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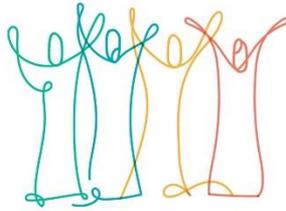
Today we welcome Rev. Armand Mercier and his family to Christ Church. Rev. Armand is our new associate priest and we are delighted to welcome him to our church community. We pray God's blessing on him and his family as he begins this new ministry among us.

September 11, 2022: Sunday School Welcome and registration.

September 17, 2022: Community Dinner Barbeque. Please speak with Ron Norton if you would like to volunteer.

September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Congregational Town Hall – fall update, financial update, and check in. Please join us in the parish hall for this short and informative meeting. There will be childcare provided and muffins!

Under the direction of Laura Hawley, we will be starting a Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir. The choir is geared for children in grades two and up and it will offer them an opportunity to sing, be introduced to a variety of styles of sacred music, get to know other children in the Diocese, and perform in a few churches throughout the year. The choir will meet weekly from 5 to 6pm at Christ Church and their first gathering will be with a 'Come and See' rehearsal on Wednesday, September 14th at 5pm. For more information or to register for this first rehearsal: <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/events/come-and-try-the-diocesan-childrens-choir/2022-09-14>



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