

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2020
A Service of the Word



We welcome you to worship this morning. Our celebration is joyful, reflective, playful and reverent, as we thank God for new life through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask
your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Children's Time

Rachel Sunda

Hymn **632** *The King of Glory Comes* vs. 1, 2

Refrain

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices. (repeat)

1. **Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?**

He is Emmanuel, the promise of ages.

Refrain

2. **In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness.**

Refrain

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship
almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, 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.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

The First Reading: Exodus 1.8 – 2.10

Reader: Eric Albishausen

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian

women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the Holy One had not been with us – let Israel now say –
"If the Holy One had not been with us when enemies attacked us,
they would have swallowed us alive,
so furious was their anger against us.

The waters would have swept us away,
The torrents crashed over us, the raging waters drowned us"
Blessed be the Holy One, who did not make us prey to their teeth.

We escaped like a bird from a hunter's snare;
the trap broke so we could escape.

Our help is in the name of the Holy One,
creator of heaven and earth.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16. 13-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Greg Lane

Hymn – *May You Be With Us*

**You are our light in times of darkness
You are our light come guide our way
May you be with us when life gets too dark
Our light our morning fill our lives**

**You are our food when we are hungry
You are our food come feed our lives
May you be with us O grant us each day
Our daily bread Christ feed our lives**

**You are our life you are our water
O let us drink from your spring now
May you be with us to quench all our thirst
O life O water fill our lives**

You are the one in whom we rest now
O like a child upon your breast
May you be with us to comfort us Christ
May we be with you fill our lives

May you be with us in all of our days
O Christ embrace us fill our lives

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Debbie McLean-Schubert

In peace we pray to you, O God

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth

For Mike, our incumbent,

Jenny our Area Bishop,

Andrew our Diocesan Bishop,

Anne our Metropolitan,

Linda our Primate,

and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For this community, our country,

and the world;

for an end to racism

and all forms of oppression,

and an end to poverty and all social injustice

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear,
injustice, and oppression.**

For all people in their daily life and work
and for those out of work or facing financial difficulties
due to the Coronavirus;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours,
and for all those who are alone or isolated
in their homes or care facilities due to this pandemic.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For our own needs and those of others,
remembering especially those in our parish
who are in particular need at this time:

Shirley, Pavini, Victoria, Teresa, Douglas, Scott, Lilian, Susie, Carly,
Ty and Teslyn.

**For those who minister to the sick,
The friendless, and needy;
For all health care workers during
this time of crisis.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,
especially Rosalind Linthorne,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving kindness
be upon them;
who put their trust in you.

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers
of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts for the support of the ministry of the Church.

Hymn 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

1. **Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken – we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom –
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.**
2. **May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!**
3. **You have spoken; yours the fullness
ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters,
we must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Amen.

Prayers and Final Responses

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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.

Doxology

Glory to God, 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.

Hymn 382 *Praise to the Lord*

- 1. Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.
Blessèd be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!**
- 2. There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on earth,
who lifts the weak out of dust, placing them with the mighty
- who stoops to raise the weak and low:
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!**

Final Blessing

May God keep us in all our days.
May Christ shield us in all our ways.
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.
May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us
and pour upon us blessing and light. **Amen.**

Postlude

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