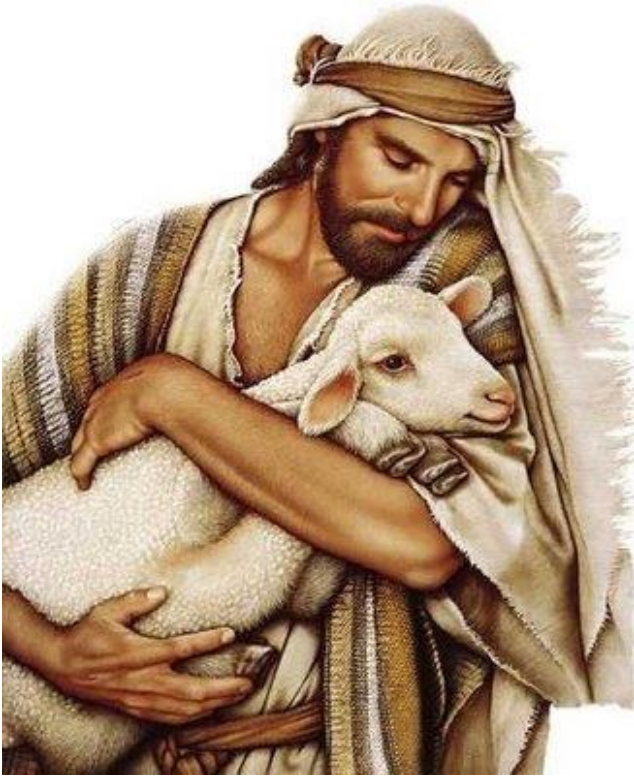


St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
Service of the Word – August 1, 2021 at 10:30am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 18



but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb

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.


As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge that this is the Dish with One Spoon Territory created in Treaty by the Anishinabee, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee binding them to share and protect this land. Subsequent indigenous nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. May we faithfully fulfill our treaty commitments to the land and its people.

This land has also been the place of Christian worship since the 1820's.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

As our community gathers on this first Sunday of the month we share news of August birthdays and anniversaries: Birthdays – Nigel Weaver, Donna Farrell, Ashani Weerasinghe and Kathleen Kidd. Anniversaries – Rachel and Puneet Sunda, Dhammika and Ashani Weerasinghe.

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**God give you many, many years
To give thanks for your blessings here;
And many, many, many more
To see the good God has in store.**

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 — Mieke and Priscilla

 *Come, Let Us Worship God* (congregation echoes cantor)

Come, let us worship God
Come, let us worship God
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Rest for the weary
Rest for the weary
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

Food for the hungry
Food for the hungry
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

**Come, let us worship God
Come, let us worship God
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

**Rest for the weary
Rest for the weary
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

**Food for the hungry
Food for the hungry
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

Hope for the children
Hope for the children
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

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Hope for the children
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

Come, sing the circle wide
Come, sing the circle wide
Welcome everyone
To the love of God

**Come, sing the circle wide
Come, sing the circle wide
Welcome everyone
To the love of God**

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Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins. (*A period of silent reflection*).

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.

God of Moses,
who rained down bread on Israel's wandering people:
lead us to the food that never leaves us craving,
but fills our whole humanity with life enough for all;
through Jesus Christ, the true bread of heaven.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11.26—12.13A

Reader: Chiagozie Azuh Snr.

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. 27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, 1 and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds; 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; 6 he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." 7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; 8 I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. 11 Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. 12 For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51.1—13

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love;
wipe clean the record of my wrongdoing.

Wash away the stains of disobedience;
cleanse me from my awful guilt.

I know too well the wrongs I've done,
haunted always by my guilt.

Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your eyes, that I have done.

Your verdict against me is just,
your judgment what I fully deserve.

From birth I have been wicked,
from my conception bent on doing wrong.

You want truth and faithfulness;
you give wisdom to my inner being.

Purify me until I am wholly clean;
wash me 'til I am whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness,
So the body you broke may rejoice.

Turn your face from my guilt;
wipe away all trace of sin.

Create in me a clean heart;
give me a new and steadfast spirit.

Cast me not away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your saving help;
by your bountiful spirit sustain me.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6.1—13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life,

which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Mike Stuchbery

 *O Lord Hear My Prayer*

**O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
come and listen to me. (*repeats...*)**

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.**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of faith. Sustain Mike, our incumbent, Kevin, Ryscilla and Andrew our Bishops, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, all bishops, other ministers; and all who serve you in the Church. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heaven. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. With our youth we uphold the work of the David Suzuki Foundation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are in prison. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world and strengthens the ailing. We pray especially for David, Shirley, Marlyn, Rachel and Isaiah, Ralph, Mark, Karen, Glenda, Bruce, Emily, Grayson, Jorge, Evelyn, Hazel, Rehan, Penny, Naeem, Catherine, Cecelia, Susan, Paul, and Elaine. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. Prepare us to welcome those who have felt excluded, here elsewhere, in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Feed us each day with the bread of life, until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts in support of the Church's ministry.

Hymn 70 *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts* vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

1. **Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
true source of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to you again.**
2. **Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you rescue those who on you call:
to those yet seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, all in all.**
3. **We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still.
We drink from you the fountainhead;
our thirsty souls from you we fill.**
5. **Jesus, forever with us stay:
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
spread through the world your holy light.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

God our sustainer,
accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 388 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* vs. 1, 2, 3

- Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvations walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.**
- See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**
- Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering –
showing that the Lord is near.**

continues...

**Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day:
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.**

Final Blessing

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

Amen.

Postlude

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