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Pentecost X

August 17, 2025 BCP – 9:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP # 5 'Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

The Liturgy begins on page 67

C: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect

C: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

C: Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Mary Lynn Forrest

The lesson comes from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Here ends the lesson.

Psalm 82

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today Psalm 82.

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
2 “How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favour to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *

defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *

and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *

and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *

for you shall take all nations for your own.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel Luke 12.49 – 56

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy Spirit.

C: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it

happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

C: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Rev Sharla Malliff

Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

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Offertory

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C: Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows until the Most High.

Offertory Hymn: CP # 527 'How Firm a Foundation'

Prayer over the Gifts

All: Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, forever and even. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee and of thine own we have given thee.

Intercessions

Jim Fox

O: The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of my dad, Gerry Hipperson, marking the first anniversary of his passing.

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

C: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Todd our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired (*specific requests offered by the lay reader*).

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: (*we especially remember*) and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All: ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St John 3. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St John 2. 1, 2.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Thanksgiving and Consecration

C: The Lord be with you;

All: And with thy spirit.

C: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: It is meet and right so to do.

C: IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All: HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

BLESSED is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration

C: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Administrants: Catherine Carlson, Mary Lynn Forrest

Post Communion Prayers

C: Let us pray.

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 them that 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.**

C: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP # 643 'Holy Spirit, Come With Power'

Dismissal

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 58: 9-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12: 8-29

Luke 13: 10-17

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 9am 60

Givings

On the plate \$1,085 Auto Debit: \$2,589

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to August 10th a total of \$21,141 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Sunday Smile

Conscience is God's built-in warning system.

Bishop's Friends Dinner

Bishop's Friends Dinner will be held at Renison University College on Saturday, September 27 at 6 pm. Tickets are \$125. For more information see the email announcement or contact the Rev. Barry Ferguson,

barryferguson@diohuron.org.

Ice Cream Update

As of today (July 29th), we have provided 16 tubs of ice cream to St. John's kitchen over four Fridays, along with all sorts of jelly dots, chocolate chips, sprinkles and peanuts. Four more tubs are waiting to be scooped out on August 1st. Our parishioners have come forward with at least \$769 in support, which has been terrific, as our expenses to date have been at least \$643 (Catherine has not yet given me her modest receipts!). Ten of us have volunteered so far to help out, which has made the outreach fairly easy.

Many thanks to all of you for making this generosity possible! We have likely five more Fridays to go!

John Ryrie

Fall Schedule for Lesson Readers

The September through November Reader's List for both of regular Sunday services, will be prepared in the next few weeks and be in mail folders by the first Sunday in September. If you were on the Reader's list this past year it will be assumed, you wish your participation in the ministry to continue. Please call Cheryl Fox @ 519-579-0684 if you would prefer to have your name taken off the list. If you have not read in the past and would like to be included in this ministry, please call Cheryl by August 25th to discuss expectations and process.

Altar Guild

Each week we are blessed with flowers for the altar, given by families in memory of loved ones or for special occasions. We have a few empty spots on the flower chart, in the Narthex, for the remainder of the summer. If you would like to contribute the flower arrangements or join with another family to share the cost, please sign up. An altar guild member will be in touch with you.

Thank you

The Season of Creation

Beginning on August 31, we will enter a new liturgical season

This is a time to turn our hearts and minds toward the awe-inspiring world God has entrusted to us. Throughout this season, we will reflect on the beauty of creation, our responsibility to care for it, and how it reveals God's presence among us.

Congregational Workshop facilitated by Credence & Co

The Parish of St. George's is invited to attend a congregational workshop facilitated by Credence & Co. This workshop is designed to strengthen the overall health of the parish and will focus on building skills in conflict resolution and effective communication. The training will support Parish Council Members and Members of the Congregation, fostering healthy communication and collaboration for the ongoing well-being of the parish community. On September 20, the parish will meet 10am - noon followed by lunch and the council will continue to meet from 1pm - 3pm.

Healing Prayers and Anointing Beginning August 31

Starting Sunday, August 31, we will offer prayers and anointing for healing on the fourth Sunday of each month.


This will be a time for anyone seeking physical, emotional, or spiritual healing to receive prayer and anointing with oil during worship. All are welcome to come forward during communion to receive.

Back to Routine – September 7

On Sunday, September 7, we return to our regular rhythm with two worship services each Sunday. As part of marking this new season, we will also hold a Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, and Laptop Bags during the service.

Everyone heading back to school or work is invited to bring their bags as we offer a special blessing for the year ahead. A reminder that God goes with us into every classroom, office, and workspace.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

Thank-you all so much for your continued support of St. Andrew's Cupboard  Decon Kay is always so appreciative of anything we donate! This week she did mention pasta and pasta sauce as well as they are running low on Bear Paws and individual packages of cookies. They will gladly take anything you would like to donate. Their clients are so thankful for our generosity!

THANK-YOU 

Heather Murphy

On Behalf of your Outreach Committee