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**Pentecost XII – Creation I**  
**August 31, 2025      BCP – 9am**

## **Announcements**

**Processional Hymn: CP # 259 'For the Fruit of All Creation'**

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: Lord of all service and inclusion, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of the lowly and lost in Creation; increase in us true service; nourish us with all humility; and bring forth in us the fruit of good giving; though Jesus Christ the Wisdom of creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Brian Tomka

The lesson comes from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge

fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Here endeth the lesson.

## Psalm 112

Rev Sharla Malliff

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
**and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; \*  
**their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.**
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## **The Holy Gospel Luke 14: 1,7-14**

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with thy Spirit.**

**C:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

**C:** The Gospel of Christ.

**All:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

**Rev Sharla Malliff**

## **The Creed**

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

**All:** **I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Offertory**

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

## **Offertory Hymn: CP # 307 'When Long Before Time'**

## **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**

**O:** The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of Freda and Ron Richardson, parents of Carole Wardlaw. 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 ever living 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 marvelous 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, Charlotte Cromarty

### **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 ever living 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 # 329 'Maker, in Whom We Live'**

## **Dismissal**

### **Readings for Next Week**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 15: 1-10

## **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday : 9:00

## **Givings**

On the plate \$1520      Auto Debit: \$2,589

## **St Andrews Cupboard**

A HUGE THANK-YOU FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL DONATIONS TO INNISFREE OVER THE PAST 3 WEEKS! I was able to deliver a full carload of donated items. They were so grateful and overwhelmed at the generosity of St. Georges ♥ They continue to support so many people at their most stressful times. THANK-YOU for always being there for others 🙏

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

## **Capital Project Donations to Date**

From March 30th to August 24<sup>th</sup> a total of \$21,181 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

## **Altar Guild flowers**

Thank you to all of you who responded to our request for flowers for the church.

We are pleased to say that we now only have three slots remaining for the remainder of the year. If you would like to donate flowers the flower chart is in the Narthex for you to sign. There is a suggested cost for the flowers, but a donation of any amount would be acceptable and appreciated. A member of the Altar Guild will be in touch with you.

## **Deanery Refugee Committee Update Aug 26, 2025**

I have been a bit remiss in providing an update. Our deanery committee met last on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to meet again in the second or third week of September and perhaps select a new family from overseas.

New rules introduced by the government and the Diocese stipulate that we now need to have at least \$18,100 in our deanery refugee account before we can select a new family. This amount itself will not come close to paying all of the expenses incurred during the first year the new family is in Canada, but the amount is an indication that our twelve churches can afford to initiate this sponsorship – over 7<sup>th</sup> since 2016.

As of today, we have \$13,650 in our deanery account. The Diocese is prepared to top up our funding to the necessary \$18,100, as long as the additional funds go into a bank account set up for the new family themselves. We are still working out the details.

To put this in context, our church has been incredibly generous in supporting our previous sponsored families. Since June 2022, for example, our parishioners have contributed over \$16,000 to help pay for the costs incurred by our last family, including the roughly \$6500 needed to pay for the cost of their airfare to Toronto. The response for contributions has been outstanding!

I am hoping our parish will be able to continue to support the collective efforts of our twelve local churches to help a refugee family relocate and integrate into our region and our country. I'll provide a further update after the next committee meeting.

J. Ryrie

## **Ice Cream Update**

We appear to be in good shape. As of Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, we have taken in \$1055.90 in cash contributions before and after our summer Sunday services. At least \$440 has also been contributed via church envelopes, so we have slightly more funding than our expenses to date. Consequently, we should be able to offer ice cream on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> for a total of ten Fridays during our very hot summer! Well done St. George's! A huge number of very happy patrons at St. John's kitchen! J. Ryrie

## **Sunday Smile**

Prayer. The original wireless connection.

## **Name Tags**

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

## **Congregational Workshop**

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 at 10am - noon followed by lunch and the council will continue to meet from 1pm - 3pm.

## **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](mailto:barryferguson@diohuron.org).

## **Healing Prayers and Anointing**

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.