



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome

Peter Bennett

Land Acknowledgement

Susan Haig

Prelude: “Wir glauben all an einen Gott” (J.S. Bach (BWV 680))

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

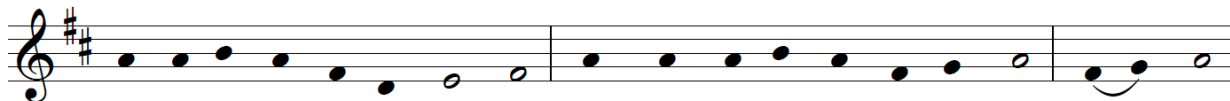
Susan Haig

Priest: 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.**

Gloria: #686 (Common Praise) “Glory to God”

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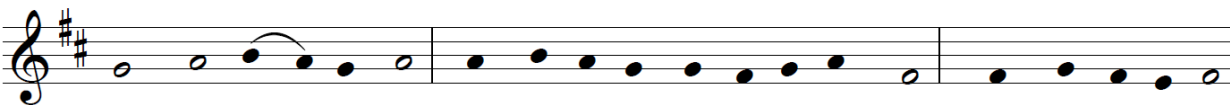
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,



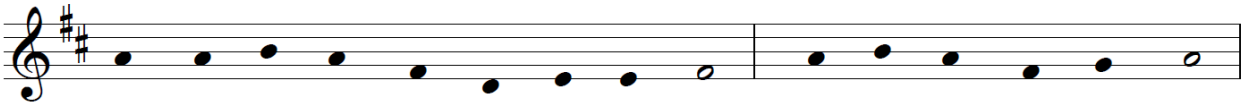
we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



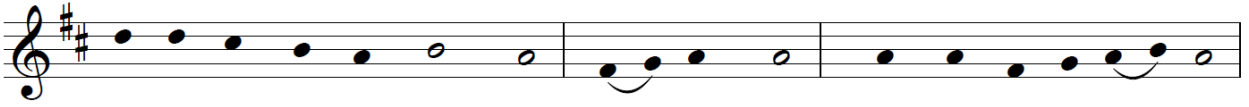
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



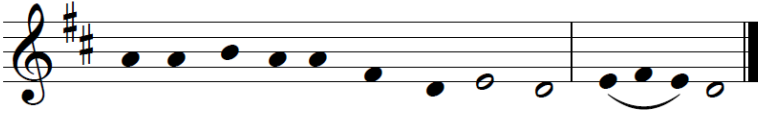
you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-). 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Susan Haig

Priest: Gracious God,
although we once were strangers,
you receive us as friends
and draw us home to you.
Set your living bread before us,
so that we may be strengthened
to continue the work
your Son has commissioned us to do.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

Bill Horan

Reader: A Reading from First Book of Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way,

to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 84 Paraphrase: "I Love Your House" (Douglas Cowling)

Screen share



I love your house O Lord, your praise my heart will sing, the



spar-row finds a home, the swal-low has a nest where she may lay her



young, and by your al-tar rest.

Happy are they who dwell with you and always sing your praise,
Happy the ones you strengthen Lord with hearts set on your ways.
In lonely valleys they will find a place of pools and springs,
and as they climb to Zion's heights, they see the King of Kings.

Second Reading

Pamela Thomson

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 6.10-20

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #70 (Common Praise) “Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts” *Screen share*



1. Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, true source of life, our lives sus - tain;
2. Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you res - cue those who on you call;
3. We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on you still.
4. Our rest - less spir - its long for you, how - ev - er may our lot be cast,
5. Je - sus, for - ev - er with us stay: make all our mo - ments calm and bright;



from the best bliss that earth im - parts, we turn un - filled to you a - gain.
to those yet seek - ing, you are good; to those who find you, all in all.
We drink from you, the foun - tain head; our thirs - ty souls from you we fill.
glad when your gra - cious smile we view, blessed when our faith can hold you fast.
chase the dark night of sin a - way; spread through the world your ho - ly light.

The Gospel

Susan Haig

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 6.56-69

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

Homily: Ann Jervis

A moment of silence is observed.

Meditation

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Hymn: #388 (Common Praise) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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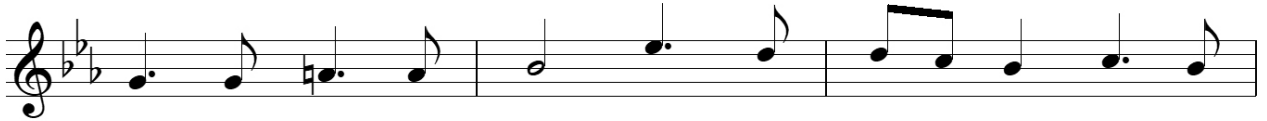
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our
2. See! The streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap -
4. Sav - iour, if of Zi - on's ci - ty I through grace a mem - ber



God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a -
love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re -
pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering - show - ing that the Lord is
am, let the world de - ride or pi - ty, I will glo - ry in thy



bode. On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can
move. Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er
near. Thus they march, the pil - lar lead - ing, light by
name. Fad - ing is the world's best plea - sure, all its



shake thy sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
flows their thirst toas - suage? Grace, which like the Lord, the
night and shade by day; dai - ly on the man - na
boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id joys and last - ing



round - ed, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
feed - ing which God gives them when they pray.
treasure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

The Prayers of the People

John Sutton

Leader: Dear Friends,
we have heard from King Solomon that the God of heaven and earth
keeps covenant with us as we walk in faithfulness,
so let us turn to God with all our hearts.
God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God,
you bless and care for us, in the midst of the hard things we see around us.
You freely and abundantly give us everything we need for life and flourishing,
through the self-giving love of the Earth,
which continues to provide despite human abuse.
Your love is constantly reflected in the relationships
we enjoy with family and friends,
through all those who care for us, teach us, challenge us, and make us laugh.
Each of us has many things for which we are grateful today,
and we thank you for them now.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God,
we pray for the church today, in Canada and around the world.
We have been reminded this morning that our struggle
as faithful followers of Jesus is often not against enemies of flesh and blood,
but against powers, empires and authorities we cannot readily see.
We pray that the Body of Christ, seeing evidence of your Kingdom around us,
can stand firm, wisely recognizing these enemies are overcome,
not with violence, but with the unconventional armour
that has always confounded enemies: with truth, faith,
justice-seeking and peacemaking.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God,
we long for peace in the world,
even as we see these cosmic powers of evil at work, showing up as violence

Leader: and war, poverty, racism, oppression, and environmental degradation.
Give your people, of all faiths, courage and perseverance,
encouraging us not to turn away in the face of the suffering
we see in our own city and in the world.
Give us wisdom to put on your extraordinary armor of good news
rather than despair.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God,
we pray earnestly for our own leaders at all levels of government,
and for the leaders of all the nations, that their primary concern will always be
the seeking of justice, peace, equity, and the elimination of violence.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God,
as Canadians, we continue to struggle to come to terms
with our colonial history of racism and genocide of Indigenous peoples.
We ask you to continue to show us the hard way of justice and rights relations,
so that settlers may come to abolish racism and to understand treaty obligations,
and First Nations can flourish in ways that are true
to their history and cultures, so that all may live together in peace.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Faithful God,
you have shown us that you are always on the side of the poor,
the afflicted and the oppressed, and that you call on those
who are affluent and comfortable to serve them.
We pray for the work, the staff and volunteers, and the guests
of the Common Table ministry of our community.
We each commit ourselves to sacrificially support this ministry
with our time, prayers and money.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Faithful God,

we pray for those in our community and in our own circles,
who are struggling with physical and mental illness,
loneliness, anxiety for the future and despair.

We pray for those who are on our hearts this morning
who need healing and strength, for those who have died,
those we know personally and those we do not,
and for those who mourn their passing.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: God of steadfast love, in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Faithful God,

help us to turn for a moment to the Earth, our Mother,
for healing and sustenance for our wounded hearts,
bringing to mind those wild places that have fed our souls.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: Renew us in our conviction to seek your armour of truth,
faith and justice-seeking on behalf of the Earth,
to always pay attention to her needs
and to continually pray for all the faithful people of God.

All: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Susan Haig

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **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.**

The Doxology

Susan Haig

Priest: 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**

Hymn: #545 (Common Praise) "We Will Lay Our Burden Down (Laying Down)" *Screen share*



1. We will lay our bur - den down, we will lay our bur - den
2. We will light the flame of love, we will light the flame of
3. We will show both hurt and hope, we will show both hurt and
4. We will walk the path of peace, we will walk the path of



down, we will lay our bur - den down, in the hands of the ri - sen Lord.
love, we will light the flame of love, as the hands of the ris - en Lord.
hope, we will show both hurt and hope, like the hands of the ri - sen Lord.
peace, we will walk the path of peace, hand in hand with the ri - sen Lord.

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The Blessing

Susan Haig

Priest: May the God whose Living Bread abides in us
help us to remain faithful to his teaching.
And may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

[Online Donation](#)

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Ministry Updates

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in this week's eNews.

Reconciliation Mural Project

The Indigenous Solidarity Working Group is grateful for the deep desire in our community to support an Indigenous-themed mural on the exterior west wall by Joseph Sagaj.

Particularly with the renewed focus on the treatment of Indigenous children in the resident schools, this project affords the parish an opportunity to be creative, emphatic, and

prophetic in the message such a mural can hold now and for years to come. Please see the [concept and the plans](#) within the red boxes that is available on the church website.

The special Vestry meeting on July 27 approved raising the needed funds from within the community. With the very generous offer of a matching grant from an anonymous donor (to a maximum of \$31,500) the budgeted amount of \$62,609.85 is an achievable goal. Please consider making a donation to support this important public statement about reconciliation and “reconcili-action” with our Indigenous brothers, sisters, and siblings.

You can contribute by:

Mailing a cheque to the church

(note Indigenous Mural Project on the memo line)

162 Bloor Street West
Toronto, ON M5S 1M4

Donate through CanadaHelps

(select Indigenous Mural Project)

eTransfer, designated to the Indigenous Mural Project, sent from your bank account to the **treasurer**.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful project.

Voices For Peace - Radical Hope: Radical Resistance

The final Voices for Peace session for 2021 is **September 16 at 7:00 PM**. We see in the news the shambles of Afghanistan and the cycle of violence in Israel and Palestine, and are pressed to ask why nations and politicians still see war as a solution to conflict. Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are all proposing significant increases in their military budgets, much of it directed to weapons research. In the face of this, we must ask “What shape might a spirituality of nonviolence, resistance, and hope take?”

Cesar Jaramillo will join us from Project Plowshares, as they celebrate 45 years of resistance through research and policy.

Fr. John Dear, author, activist, and two-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, will speak to us on "Returning to the Nonviolence of Jesus: Following in the Footsteps of Active Nonviolence, Living Gospel Nonviolence Today." John will draw on the Beatitudes and the legacy of Gandhi, who influenced Howard Thurman, Martin Luther King, and Thomas Merton.

Voices for Peace is sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Basilian Centre for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, the Henri Nouwen Society, and Church of the Redeemer

You can register [here](#).

Season of Creation: Call for Photos

Redeemer Creatives: As you see God's creation over the summer with phone or camera in hand have our Season of Creation themes in mind - AIR - SOIL - WATER. The planning team is collecting your submissions for use in various ways throughout *Season of Creation*. (September 26 - October 16) **Share up to five of your best photos**, and be sure to include your name and contact information along with the photos.

The Common Table Fundraiser: Constantine Yorkville 5K Run

If you've been considering running or walking in the Constantine Yorkville 5K Run in support of The Common Table, this is a great time to join us! The city has approved the in-person race, which means that you can participate with other runners and walkers on Sep. 12 or you can run/walk your own 5K route any time from Sep. 12 to Sep. 26.

You can also help make this run a success by helping our participants raise funds for The Common Table. To donate, please visit [the race website](#). You can also find out more information by checking out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. If you have any questions about the run, please contact Amber Aulen at amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca.

Pastoral Care Team Checking In

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca.

Vaccinations

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at shaig@theredeemer.ca.

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Future Ministry Updates

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email twilliams@theredeemer.ca by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.
