



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Welcome

Moderator

Land Acknowledgment

Paige Souter

Opening Hymn: #631 (Common Praise) "The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy"

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1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy, for Je - sus re -
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice: be - lieve the good
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal, in Je - sus be -



stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in
freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's
news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought
gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall



Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Christ to his cross, our cris - is of judge - ment for gain and for loss.
an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - All.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Paige Souter

Deacon: Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Abigail Young

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Genesis 28.10-19a

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 139 (Paraphrase)

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1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis-
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are be-
cern my pur-pose from a - far. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be-
known its mean-ing through and through. You are with me be - yond my un - der-
search for shel - ter from your light. There is no - where on earth I can es-
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the won - der of who I am, I



fore me: Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
siege me: In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
stand - ing: God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
cape you: E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
praise you: Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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Second Reading

Abigail Young

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

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Romans 8.12-25

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gospel Acclamation: #198 (Gather)

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Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

Music: Mass of Remembrance, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Jim Boyles

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

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The Prayers of the People

Catherine Emerson

Leader: As we gather in prayer, you are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings, silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Repeating the words of the psalmist who wrote, ‘Lord you go on before us’, we respond with, ‘we follow you with hope in our hearts.’

As your children led by your Spirit, help us to do good, thwart evil and care for your good earth.

All of creation longs for your freedom from death and decay. Thinking of the love you have for all you have made, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of your creation, learning from those who were here before us.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Lord you go on before us

All: We follow you with hope in our hearts.

Leader: We pray for the war-torn places thinking particularly of Sudan and Ukraine, Syria and Afghanistan, Mexico and Iraq. Raise up peacemakers wherever there is conflict, people who are committed to bring healing and peace, fuelled and inspired by the example of your son Jesus Christ.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Lord you go on before us

All: **We follow you with hope in our hearts.**

Leader: We pray for the growing number of refugees on our streets. Open our hearts and homes to welcome them and all those with no home of their own. Bless the ministry of the Common Table and other agencies of care to provide for both their physical and spiritual needs. Inspire our politicians at all levels of government to tackle the issue of homelessness head on, and help those who speak on behalf of homeless people to be heard with favour and compassion.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Lord you go on before us

All: **We follow you with hope in our hearts.**

Leader: We pray for our church that our own needs be met - both structural and spiritual. We pray that you would draw others into this community, people looking to apply their faith to the growth of your kingdom among us. Help us to be a Welcoming Place.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Lord you go on before us

All: **We follow you with hope in our hearts.**

Leader: We pray for those who are ill. They are not hidden from you. You know them by name. Be present with them, using our hands to guide them and support them.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Lord you go on before us

All: **We follow you with hope in our hearts.**

Leader: We give thanks for the life and witness of dear family and friends who have died, thankful they are in your care.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Remembering them we confess:

Lord you go on before us

All: **We follow you with hope in our hearts.**

Leader: We are overwhelmed and exceedingly grateful that despite knowing everything about us, you love us and your Spirit is ever present where we are.

As we pause, please add your petitions silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: Lord you go on before us

All: We follow you with hope in our hearts. Amen.

The Peace

Paige Souter

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: #434 (Common Praise) "The Love of Jesus Calls Us"

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1. The love of Je-sus calls us our joy - ous praise to sing; our deep - ly felt thanks-
2. The love of Je-sus calls us, that we may al - ways be com-pan - ions on a
3. The love of Je-sus calls us to go where he would go, to chal-enge all that
4. The love of Je-sus calls us in swift-ly chang-ing days, to be God's co - cre-



giv - ings we now to - geth - er bring, for all God's man - y
jour - ney, where all the world may see that serv - ing Christ is
lim - its, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has
a - tors in new and won - drous ways; that God with men and



bles - ings, un - asked yet still re - ceived, and for the gen - er -
free - dom which time does not des - troy; where Christ's com - mand is
freed us, that pris - ons are no more; for those who seek his
wom - en may so trans - form the earth, that love and peace and



a - tions who faith - ful - ly be - lieved.
du - ty, and ev - ery du - ty joy.
king - dom, Christ o - pens ev - ery door.
jus - tice may give God's king - dom birth.

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Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

The Lord's Prayer

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

Paige Souter

Deacon: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Doxology

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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.**

Announcements

Paige Souter

Departing Hymn: #658 (Gather) “Bring Forth the Kingdom”

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1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the King-dom of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the Cit - y of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the King-dom of God!
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the King-dom of God!



Share the fla-vour of life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, Bring forth the King-dom of peace;



Bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice, Bring forth the Cit-y of God!

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, July 30 (Proper 17A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, August 6 (Proper 18A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)