



THE TWELFTH 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: #373 (Common Praise) "This is the Day ..."

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1. This is the day the Lord hath made, its hours to
2. To - day Christ rose and left the dead, and Sa - tan's
3. Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
4. Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



God are known; let heaven re - jice, let earth be
em - pire fell; to - day the saints his tri - umph
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de - scend and
earth can raise; the high - est heavens in which he



glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
spread, and all his won - ders tell.
bring sal - va - tion from thy throne.
reigns shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: IRISH. *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, Dublin, 1749.

✠ 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: God of the nations,
all are invited to your table,
for in your family no one is a stranger.
Satisfy our hunger
and mercifully extend to all people
the joy of salvation and faith.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Anne Gircys

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Genesis 45.1-15

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 133 Paraphrase: #473 (Common Praise)

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Refrain



¡Mi-ren qué bue - no, qué bue-no es! es!



1. How pleas - ant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
2. How pleas - ant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
3. How pleas - ant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:



fra-grant as pre-cious oil when run-ning fresh on Aar-on's beard.
fresh like the morn-ing dew that falls on Zi-on's ho - ly hill.
there is where God be-stows the bless-ing, life for ev - er - more.

Text: Psalm 133; para. Pablo Sosa (1933-2020), alt. Music: Melody Pablo Sosa (1933-2020); arr. Darryl Nixon (1952-). Text and melody © Pablo Sosa. Arr. © Songs for a Gospel People, admin. Wood Lake Books

Second Reading

Anne Gircys

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32

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 left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 15:21-28

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

Homily: Ann Jervis

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: "Locus iste" (*Anton Bruckner*)

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Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God
an invaluable sacrament;
it is beyond reproach.

The Prayers of the People

Karen Turner

Leader: We thank you Lord,
for giving sunlight to both the evil and the good,
for sending rain on the just and the unjust.

During the pause, please add your own prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: O God, you who are rich in mercy

All: Have mercy, have mercy on us all.

Leader: Change whatever needs to change in us:

To find harmony within our families, as did Joseph with his family, despite the way his family had mistreated him.

To seek harmony with those with whom we are estranged, as did the woman who pleaded with Jesus to heal her daughter.

To bring harmony in our relationship with the earth and with Indigenous peoples. Help us to restore the places destroyed by fire, drought and flood, here in Canada, In Maui and throughout Africa.

During the pause, please add your own prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: O God, you who are rich in mercy

All: Have mercy, have mercy on us all.

Leader: We pray for the children of Palestine and for the elderly in Iraq,
for the devastated in Ukraine, and for homeless people on our streets.
We pray for all those cut off from the rest of us, who desire to belong.

We pray for bishops and princes and Bay St. brokers.

We pray for firefighters and personal support workers and all those who help us to survive.

We pray for our politicians. We pray for people of influence who seek to do good.

We pray for refugees, who struggle to retain their hope of ever finding home.

We pray for tenants threatened with eviction and landlords who are trying to accommodate them as best they can.

During the pause, please add your own prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: O God, you who are rich in mercy

All: Have mercy, have mercy on us all.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill, that you heal them.
We pray for those abandoned, that you bring them home.
We pray for the dying, that you draw close to them.
We pray for those who care for the ill and the dying, for strength, wisdom, and hope.
We pray for those we love who are no longer with us.

During the pause, please add your own prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: O God, you who are rich in mercy

All: Have mercy, have mercy on us all.

Leader: But for your mercy, we cannot heal ourselves.

But for your mercy, we cannot change our hearts.

But for your mercy, we cannot right our wrongs.

During the pause, please add your own prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box.

Leader: O God, you who are rich in mercy

All: Have mercy, have mercy on us all. Amen.

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn: #500 (Common Praise) “Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

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1. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav - ellers on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny,
6. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;



pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and a - go - ny.
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

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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: #82 (Sing a New Creation) “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

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Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Cameroon trad. Music: Cameroon processional, arr. Ralph M. Johnson, 1994. © 1994 earthsongs.

The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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Sunday, August 27 (Proper 21A)

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, September 3 (Proper 22A)

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)