

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 21C

August 21, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining us in the church building or via the livestream, we are glad you are here!

If you are new here and would like to learn more, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we may keep you informed of upcoming events, please contact the church office. Infants and children (and their accompanying noises) enliven our services. Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are available in the children's area, just to the left of the front pews.

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer and preparation.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE Andante in E flat

César Franck

GREETING

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN · 306

RICHMOND



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

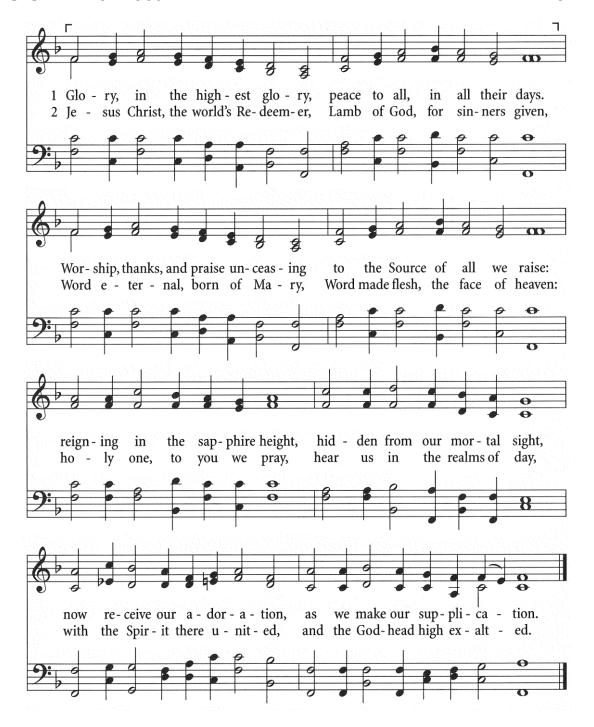
And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE · 366

PSALM 42



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S FOCUS

The Rev. Elizabeth Ruder Celiz

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6

The Choir sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



- In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed.
- ² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; Incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; You are my crag and my stronghold.

Refrain

- ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- For you are my hope, O Lord God, My confidence since I was young.
- I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother'swomb you have been my strength; My praise shall be always of you.
 Refrain

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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"I have enjoyed this one since childhood. In summer, when I was 7 or 8 up to teens- IF I woke up early I would run outside barefoot, all the way to our barn, and sit on the corral fence and watch the sunrise. Don't suppose my parents ever knew. I would think of this hymn. It was definitely my Father's World in the early morning, feeling like I was the only one awake in the universe."

—Mary Turnquist



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Alleluia; then all repeat.



Cantor

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God. the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we gather together today, let us give thanks to God for all that is good this day and this week and claim its potential sent by God. To the bidding God in mercy, please respond: **hear our prayer**.

Let us pray for the Church. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Episcopal Anglican Province of Alexandria. We pray for Linda our Primate, for Sidney the National Interim Indigenous Bishop and the work of the Sacred Circle. We pray for reconciliation, repentance and restoration with the first peoples of this land. We pray for Bishop John and the parish of St. Aidan & St. Bartholomew, Gibsons, and the Archdeaconry of Lougheed. Give us grace to live out in action your love in the World.

God in mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for this community of St. John's, and for the love that is known, shown and received here. Strengthen us to continue to be faithful to your call to us.

God in mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We bring to God our concerns for this day. We pray for Creation, for the will and courage to live lightly in the Earth. We pray for those places where your Spirit of peace, your spirit of justice and your spirit of love is needed. Be in everyplace turning darkness to light, hatred to love and despair to hope.

God in mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We bring to God the people of today. We pray for those in any need, naming aloud or silently those for whom we have been asked to pray. That everyone may be held and find healing.

God in mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those who have died, and all those we love but see no longer naming them aloud or in the silence of our hearts. That they may rest in peace, and rise in glory.

God in mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We give thanks for the joys we receive, the love we know and the kindness we've been shown. Help us extend that love out into your beloved world.

God in mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

Loving God, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen, sensitivity toward those we meet, and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of the earth. Bring us to the day's ending blessed through having shared the day's beginning, in Christs name we pray. Amen.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father:

Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



HOW GREAT THOU ART





"One of my grandmother's favourite hymns was 'How Great Though Art.' After she died we planned a Memorial service for family in Manitoba the June following her death. We were sure to request that the hymn be added to the order of service.

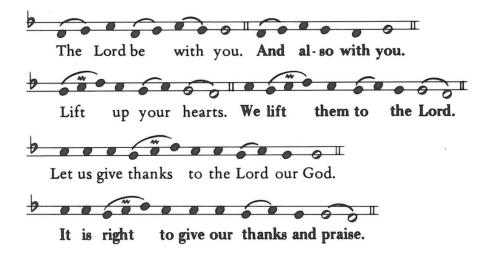
On that day in June 1996 after cleaning the graves and readying the area for the interment of Grammay's ashes, everyone went into the tiny hot church and took their places on the hard wooden pews. I sat next to my mother. We were astounded to discover that the service was not exclusively dedicated to Grammay but that the service was also a Baptism. Initially I felt affronted but soon realized how very appropriate this combination was. The circle of life. My Uncles and Aunt led the congregation unaccompanied with Grammay's favorite hymn. I always think of her and that day when I hear it now."

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

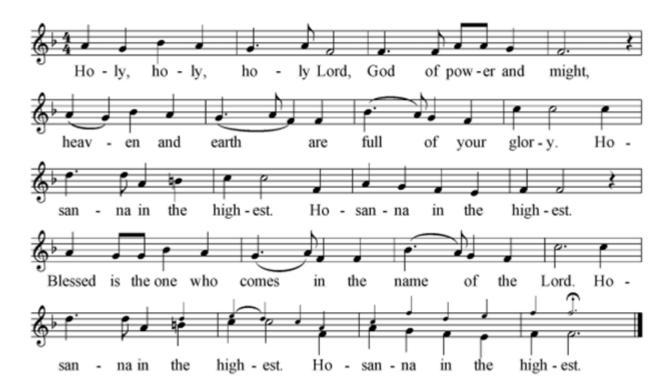


It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 those who 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. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant (1525-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

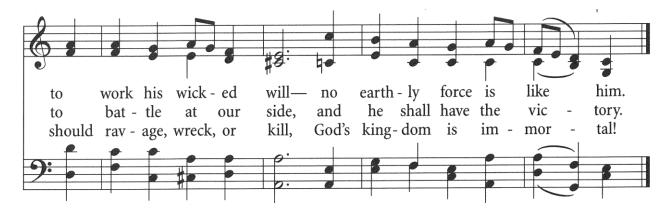
Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE NOTICES

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**





THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress

D. Buxtehude

ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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