



Windows into life

A Summer Sermon Series

Service of Morning Prayer

July 25, 2021, at 10:30am

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

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The Invitation

Leader We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek our forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Leader This is the day the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Call to Worship

A Thousand Tongues / Awake My Soul

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

A thousand songs are not enough
To say how great You are
The glories of Your majesty
The triumphs of Your love

Awake my soul to sing
The glories of my God and King
Arise and praise the One
Worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues

You break the power of all our sin
You set the captive free

You make the broken heart rejoice
New life the dead receive

Awake my soul to sing
The glories of my God and King
Arise and praise the One
Worthy of the songs of a thousand tongues

The Confession

Leader Scripture reminds us that, though we are redeemed and forgiven as God's people, we still sin and fall short of God's glory. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us before the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to mend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Leader May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader O Lord, open up our hearts;
All And we will praise your holy name.

Leader O God, be quick to save us;
All O Lord, do not wait to help us.

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader Let us praise the Lord;
All We do with all our heart.

Proclamation of the Word

Psalm

A reading from **Psalm 23**

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- ³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

Reader Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

First Reading A reading from Ezekiel 34.1-6, 11-16

The word of the Lord came to me: ² 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?" ³ You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. ⁴ You have not strengthened the weak or healed those who are ill or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. ⁵ So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶ My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Leader The word of the Lord;
All Thanks be to God.

**Gospel
Acclamation**

Praise Ye The Lord Hallelujah
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah Praise Ye The Lord

"Praise, What's that? Its a yippee, yahoo, way to go God!"

Second Reading

A reading from John 10.11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Leader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Praise Ye The Lord

"Praise, What's that? Its a yippee, yahoo, way to go God!"

Matthew Waterman

Children and Youth Pastor

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Sermon

Reflection: Agnus Dei

Confession of Faith

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

Offertory

In our offertory we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of ourselves and our service to the glory of God. If you wish to financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of St. Mary and St. Martha during this time you can find options on our website at www.stmaryandstmartha.org/give.

Musical Worship

The King of Love my Shepherd is Brielle Video with Lyrics

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Leader Gracious God, all things come from you and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you;
All **And with your spirit.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Leader O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
All And grant us your salvation.

Leader O Lord, save the Queen;
All And mercifully hear us when we call to you.

Leader Provide your Ministers with righteousness;
All And make your chosen people joyful.

Leader O Lord, save your people;
All And bless your inheritance.

Leader Give peace in our time, O Lord;
All And evermore mightily defend us.

Leader O God, make clean our hearts within us;
All And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Leader *Collect of the Day*
Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Leader *Collect for Peace*
O God, the author of peace and lover of goodwill, the knowledge of whom provides us eternal life, the service to whom makes us free: defend us your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that, trusting in your protection, we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Leader *Collect for Grace*
O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into any sin nor run into any kind of danger; rather, govern and guide us at all times, so that we may do always what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Prayers of the People

Each Prayer will end with the following response:

Prayer Lord, in your Mercy;
Leader
All Hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to bring before you our common supplications, and you have promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. So, Lord, fulfil now the desires and prayers of your people in ways and to degrees that are best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

All Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves this coming week to your service, and live in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Announcements

August 15 Outdoor Worship - Registration:
<https://stmaryandstmartha.churchcenter.com/registrations>

Closing Worship

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Blessing

Leader The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

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In our prayers this week:

The Anglican Communion

The Scottish Episcopal Church

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop, The Rev'd Stephen London, Bishop-Elect,
and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the
Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocese of Toronto

The Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury

Social Justice and Advocacy Committee

The clergy and people of St Martin, Bay Ridges; St Martin in-the-Fields;
St Mary and St Martha and their outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

Parish Cycle: Raymond Perez and Rae-anne Roberts Perez; Terence Phillips and Jonie Park;
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The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase.

Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.