

13 September 2020

11am Holy Eucharist

Presider at the Word & Sacrament, Andrew Federle

Preacher, Liska Stefko

Lector, Pamela Rayment

Director of Music, Daniel Webb



Prelude

Laudate Dominum, by W.A.Mozart, sung by Lindsay McIntyre

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering of the Community

Acknowledgement & Thanksgiving for the Land

Leader As we are present with one another both virtually and in-person, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean.

Our church home of St. Clement's is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, the Huron-Wendat, and, most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The 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.

Wherever we find ourselves this day, we pray Creator God will help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking to walk the path of reconciliation and renewal, as partners in healing and peace, walking in the way of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God, and by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Leader Let us pray:
Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Back to School Prayer

Leader Gracious and loving God,
fill students and parents with courage and hope for this school year.
It will look different and feel different,
yet we trust in your everlasting presence.

Prepare the hearts of all students for new experiences.
Open their eyes to joy and wonder in surprising places.
Give them an extra measure of patience and understanding.
Show them your mercy when they get frustrated.
Fill their spirit with the desire to be good friends.
Remind them of the special talents you have given to each of them.

Inspire them to be creative.
Help them to be brave and kind.
Hold them in any uncertainty or fear.
Draw them closer to one another and to you.

We also pray for all teachers as they do their very best
to continue their work of teaching, tending and supporting.

We pray all this through the one who teaches us all,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Sung Psalm

Psalm 103, vv.1-13

Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in

honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Motet

O rest in the Lord, by Felix Mendelssohn, sung by Maureen Ferguson

The Creed

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

People We believe and trust in God.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

People We believe and trust in God.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

People We believe and trust in God.

Leader This is the faith of the Church.

People This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions

Leader Let us pray to God who is our refuge and stronghold.
I invite you to respond to the bidding
God, in your mercy, with
Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

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

Leader Most merciful God,
**All 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.**

Leader 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you,
People **And also with you.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Leader Holy God, accept all we offer you this day.
 May we who are reconciled at this table
 bring wholeness to our broken world.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
 you made us in your own image,
 and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
 Therefore we praise you,
 joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Leader and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 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.

Leader All your works praise you, O Lord.

All And your faithful servants bless you.

Leader Here in this place,
And beyond this place,

All We are the body of Christ.

Leader The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Words to the congregation before Communion

Leader 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.

Postlude

Ein' fest Burg ist unser Gott, by Dietrich Buxtehude