

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn: Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be offered unto you,  
Allelu Alleluia

2. Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of God,  
Allelu Alleluia

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, Alleluia.

Welcome

Children's Time

The Gathering of the Community (BAS pg.185)

All stand.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**All:** 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.

### Glory to God (BAS pg.186)

**Celebrant:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

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 forever.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

#### (EXODUS 14:19-31)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The

waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 114**

### **REFRAIN Alleluia!**

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.

**Alleluia!**

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.  
The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep. **Alleluia!**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep? **Alleluia!**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring. **Alleluia!**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: This Day He Gives Me**

1. This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
Sun and Moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
Flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
Depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

2. This day god gives me, strength as my steersman,  
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide,  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening  
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

3. God's way is my way, God's love surrounds me  
God's host defends me, saving from ill,  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always,  
All that would harm me, stand by me still.

4. Rising I thank you, mighty and strong one,  
King of creation, giver of rest,  
Firmly confessing, Threeness in person,  
Oneness of godhead, trinity blessed.

### The Gospel Reading - MATTHEW 18:21-35

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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

**People:** Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and

payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

## Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (BAS pg.189-190)

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.

## Prayers of the People (BAS pg.110-111)

(Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying,  
"Come, Holy Spirit, come.")

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**



Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come**

### **Prayer II**

O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. Visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble servants, those who defend Ukraine and her much-suffering people, and hear us who fall down before Your deep compassion. For You are the health and victory and salvation of them that put their hope in You, and unto You do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution (BAS pg.191)**

**Celebrant** 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.

**Silence is kept.**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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 (BAS pg.192)

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### Offertory Hymn: Peace Is Flowing

1. PEACE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER,  
FLOWING OUT OF YOU AND ME,  
FLOWING OUT INTO THE DESERT,  
LETTING ALL THE CAPTIVES FREE.

2. LOVE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER  
FLOWING OUT OF YOU AND ME,  
FLOWING OUT INTO THE DESERT,  
SETTING ALL THE CAPTIVES FREE.

3. JOY IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER,  
FLOWING OUT OF YOU AND ME,  
FLOWING OUT INTO THE DESERT,  
SETTING ALL THE CAPTIVES FREE.

4. FAITH IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER  
FLOWING OUT OF YOU AND ME,  
FLOWING OUT INTO THE DESERT,  
SETTING ALL THE CAPTIVES FREE.

5. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,  
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,  
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ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which each has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever.**

**Prayer over the gifts**

**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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer 2 (BAS pg.196)**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.211)

**Officiant:** 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread #2 (BAS pg.212)

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## The Invitation (BAS pg.213)

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Communion Instrumental**

## Prayer after Communion (BAS pg.214)

**Celebrant:** *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.*

## **The Blessing**

## **CLOSING HYMN: WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN** **(TO THE TUNE OF GOOD KING WENCESLAS)**

**WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN, ALL HIS POWER  
REVEALING,**

SPLENDOUR SHALL ANNOUNCE HIS REIGN, LIFE AND  
JOY AND HEALING,  
EARTH NO LONGER IN DECAY, HOPE NO MORE  
FRUSTRATED,  
THIS IS GOD'S REDEMPTION DAY, LONGINGLY  
AWAITED.

IN THE DESERT, TREES TAKE ROOT, FRESH FROM  
GOD'S CREATION,  
PLANTS AND FLOWERS AND SWEETEST FRUIT, JOIN  
THE CELEBRATION,  
RIVERS SPRING UP FROM THE EARTH, BARREN LANDS  
ADORNING,  
VALLEYS THIS IS YOUR NEW BIRTH, MOUNTAINS  
GREET THE MORNING.

THERE GOD'S HIGH-WAY SHALL BE SEEN WHERE NO  
ROARING LION,  
NOTHING EVIL OR UNCLEAN, WALKS THE ROAD TO  
ZION,  
RAN SOME PEOPLE HOMEWARD BOUND ALL YOUR  
PRAISES VOICING  
SEE YOUR LORD WITH GLORY CROWNED, SHARE IN  
HIS REJOICING.

Leader: The worship is over

All: Our Service begins