



The Parable of the Talents

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8 am & 10 am
Holy Communion

All Saints' is ...

*A Worshipping Community, Celebrating God
A Compassionate Community, Mirroring Christ
A Community of Light, Revealing the Spirit*

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PRELUDE PRELUDE IN D MINOR

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HYMN 601 GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing,
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants;
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LAND

Presider Creator, you made all people of every land in your image,
All **and entrusted them with the care of the earth. It is our responsibility to give**
thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give
thanks to Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the first peoples of this land. We offer our
respect to those ancestors who may be buried in this land.

Creator, give us penitent hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for Indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church.

With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider The grace of our Saviour Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also, with you.

Presider 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 Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Deacon Gracious God we are grateful for the communion of saints, for those we love and no longer see, for those who are present in our lives and who need your grace and healing, we lift up to you Gracious God those in our community who have asked for prayer. For . . . – teach us to be their support, to be the hands, and hearts of your healing grace.

All Amen.

Deacon Holy God,

All Whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus the Christ, the oil of gladness. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading

Judges 4:1-7, NRSV

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of God, after Ehud died. So God sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to God for help; for God had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's

army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

Reader
All Listen for the leading of the Spirit
Thanks be to God

Psalm 123 Read Together

Voices United

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you who are enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to their master's hands,
so our eyes look to you, O God,
as we wait for your favour.

We have had more than enough contempt.
Too long we have suffered the scorn of the wealthy,
And the contempt of the arrogant.

Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Inclusive Bible

But as to specific times and eras, beloved siblings, you do not need me to tell you anything – you know very well that the day of God is coming like a thief in the night. Just when people are saying, “at last we have peace and security,” then destruction will fall on them with the suddenness of labour pains, and there will be no escape.

But you, my beloved, are not in the dark. The day of God will not catch you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the darkness or the night. So let us not be asleep as others are – let us be awake and sober! Those who sleep do so at night, and those who get drunk do so at night. But we belong to the day, so let us be sober. Let us put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation.

God has destined us not to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Saviour Jesus the Christ, who died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live together with Christ. So, encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Reader
All Listen for the leading of the Spirit
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Inclusive Bible

Deacon

May God be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Matthew.

All

Glory to you Jesus the Christ.

Jesus told another parable.

“Again, it is like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one’s ability. Then the landowner went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying, ‘You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.’ The landowner said, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’ The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, ‘You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.’ The landowner said to this one, ‘Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

Finally, the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward and said to the landowner, ‘Knowing your ruthlessness – you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter – and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.’ The landowner exclaimed, ‘You worthless, lazy person! So, you know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest!

You, there! Take the thousand away from this one and give it to the one with the ten thousand. Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while

those who have not will lose even the little, they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.”

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The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God’s name.

SERMON

Rev. Samantha Caravan

Silence is kept for reflection.

APOSTLES CREED

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All 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

Deacon Gracious God,

All Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy.

Let us confess our sin, confident in God’s forgiveness.

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 the 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sin, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus the Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

*Offertory Plates will be passed by the sides people.
You are also invited to make an offering to the ongoing ministry of
All Saints' Peterborough by either dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church, by clicking to
donate button on our website,
or on the card in the pew.*

HYMN 583 WHEN GOD RESTORED OUR COMMON LIFE

When God restored our common life,
Our hope, our liberty,
As first it seemed a passing dream,
A waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us,
For we had wept so long;
The seeds we watered once with tears,
Sprang up into a song.

We went forth weeping, sowing seeds,
In hard, unyielding soil.
With laughing hearts we carry home,
The fruit of all our toil.
We praise the one who gave the growth,
With voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears,
Sprang up into a song.

Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right,
With justice now be blessed.
We pray for those who mourn this day,
And all who suffer wrong;
May seeds they water now with tears,
Spring up into a song.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Covenant God,

All As a sign of devotion to you and your vision for the world, we bring these gifts. May they bring light to those who have lost their way, hope to the despairing, and freedom for those held in bondage. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Supp. #2

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to our Saviour God.

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

Presider Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

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

Presider Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers, siblings. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Presider Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Presider Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 sin as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY

Presider 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.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion at All Saints'; this is God's table open to all.
Please follow the instruction of the sides people.*

For those present in spirit, the following prayer may be said to make a spiritual communion.

I worship and adore you, Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus the Christ, present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, present in bread and wine, be present in my heart and feed and renew my soul. Amen.

ANTHEM O TASTE AND SEE

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

O taste and see, how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Almighty God,

All once again you have given us what we need: sacrament, one another, hope for a better day. With renewed energy we offer ourselves to be sent out in your name; hopeful, grateful, useful, leaders of liberation, proclaimers of your love. Amen.

Presider 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.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 450 YOU CALL US GOD TO BE

You call us, God, to be a people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O God, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, God, to care for self and neighbour too,
To take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O God, we ask,
For faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, God, to be good stewards of the earth;
To tend to it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O God, we ask,
For faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, God, to serve: to die that we may live,
To know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O God, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

Deacon Go into the world and be the love you have received from God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN D MINOR

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