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"We are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation."

**Sunday, Sept. 12th, 2021, Holy Eucharist
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

Celebrant: The Venerable Canon Judy Walton, Lay Reader: Francis Richardson,
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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Announcements

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

Opening Hymn: **All Creatures of Our God and King** (Vs 1, 4&7) CP# 355

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden
beams,
Pale silver moon that gently
gleams,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile day by day
Unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia.
All flowers and fruit that in you
grow,

God's glory let them also show:
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the
Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-
One:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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,

People: ***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.***

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 for ever.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON 7:26-8:1

REFRAIN Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.

Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. **R**

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets;

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES: JAMES 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot

for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. **R**

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well. **R**

directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless

the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour

forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: You Call Us, Lord, to Be (Vs 1&3) CP#450

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

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

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man

must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my

followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their

life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn (cont'd): You Call Us, Lord, to Be (Vs 4)

CP#450

You call us, Lord, to serve:
To die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to
make us equal to the task.

Homily:

The Venerable Judy Walton

Prayers of the People

Francis Richardson

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.***

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your

***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.***

sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in
eternal life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: *And also with you.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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 #5

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.*

Celebrant: We give you thanks
and praise, almighty God, for the
gift of a world full of wonder, and for

our life which comes from you. By
your power you sustain the
universe.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: You created us to
love you with all our heart, and to
love each other as ourselves, but we
rebel against you by the evil that we
do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring
healing to our world and gather us
into one great family. Therefore,
with all who serve you on earth and
in heaven, we praise your wonderful
name, as we sing (say),

**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.***

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

us, let us pray,

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 Bread #2

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

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

The Communion

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Prayer after Communion

God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours.

May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Doxology

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art__

(vs 1,2, &4)

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Thou my best thought,
By day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father;
thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling,
and I one with thee.

High King of heaven,
when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. John's-in-the-Woods, Aughrim; St. Matthew's Church, Florence; St. James the Apostle, Port Lambton; St. James the Apostle, Wallaceburg.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Peter & Mary Flippance, David & Nancy Fraser, Doris Gamble and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bob, Bill, Charlie, Erin, Heather, Howie, Jason, John, Leslie, Mike, Paul, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

Flowers In Memoriam

Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Ruth Armitage and George Matthews, a gift of Doug and Muriel Armitage

Announcements

Please refer to the letter from the Bishop of Huron on the following pages.

Today, please join us for refreshments following the service outside the Entry doors (weather permitting).

**Next Sunday: September 19, 2021: Holy Eucharist & Baptism
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
(In-house only)**

Celebrant & Homilist: The Ven. Judy Walton, Lay Reader: John Howard,
Reader: Shari Kartechner, Organist: Charlie Strimas.

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Please note the Ven. Judy Walton began her interim ministry with Christ Church as of June 1. She will be working Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as well as covering any parish emergencies, pastoral needs and the various meetings that arise within the parish and deanery. Should you need to contact Judy, please call her home at 705-444-0233 or her cell phone 705-607-0870. Her email is revjudy@rogers.com.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear friends,

As we approach Labour Day weekend, we are all aware that cases of COVID-19 are once again rising in Ontario. Due to this rise, the diocese will continue to follow the Reopening our Churches Step 3 guidelines for at least the month of September. The guidelines are available at the link below. I am asking all parishes to resume in-person worship effective September 12th. Some may prefer to continue to worship outside as long as the weather allows, some may prefer smaller services at a time other than Sunday morning. If a parish in a public health unit with a weekly COVID-19 case count of greater than 40 cases per 100,000 population wishes to request a later date for the return to in-person worship, the rector and wardens must seek permission from their Territorial Archdeacon, outlining the reasons for the request. The weekly case counts may be obtained here or directly from your public health unit.

As Christians, we welcome all in the name of Christ and so the diocese will not be requiring vaccinations for all persons attending worship. However, those in ministry leadership positions have been entrusted with responsibilities which include protection of the vulnerable. For this reason, the following people will now be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to serve in the Diocese of Huron during this pandemic.

All clergy who are presently in an appointment, interims, those who function as honorary assistants and who do supply
All Licensed Lay Readers

All liturgical leaders including, but not limited to, organists and choir directors, choristers, musicians, lectors, intercessors, Eucharistic Administrators, wardens, greeters and servers over 12 years of age
All Sunday School teachers and youth leaders
All pastoral visitors

To continue in these roles, all persons must have received their first dose of vaccine by September 30th and the second no later than October 31st.

Each parish will maintain a record of the lay persons in these roles with an indication that they have provided proof of vaccination. A trusted person in the parish is to be assigned to visually check each person's vaccination confirmation and record the name of each person and the date of their second vaccination. The record is to be maintained securely in a locked file or password protected computer file. A warden, Safe Church Coordinator or parish nurse may be good choices for this role. A person may access their vaccination confirmation here. Once the new provincial system for verifying vaccination status is in place, parishes may use that system.

Clergy will provide proof of their vaccination to Ms. Jennifer McLaughlin jmclaughlin@huron.anglican.ca if you are uncomfortable sending a copy of the vaccine confirmation by email, please arrange to meet with Jennifer at Church House or by zoom so that she can visually confirm the document. The information will be kept in a locked file in the HR office. This will not become part of your permanent clergy file.

Those who are medically unable to be vaccinated must obtain a written doctor's note exempting them from this vaccination requirement. They will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken less than 72 hours before the time they are scheduled to serve in their ministry role. Stipendiary clergy to whom this applies will be required to send to Jennifer proof of a negative COVID-19 test twice weekly. Those who have a Human Rights exemption from being vaccinated for COVID-19 are to contact Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs at tphibbs@huron.anglican.ca

All diocesan staff will also be required to be vaccinated by these deadlines. While we encourage the parishes to require this of any parish staff that are not in the categories above, that is a decision of the wardens to make as they are the employers.

Some people may feel that this policy goes too far, some will think it does not go far enough. I pray that it will strike a faithful and safe balance while we continue to gather and serve in this time. Please offer one another grace if there are disagreements, keeping each other in prayer and Christian love.

Yours in Christ,

+Todd

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron

[REOPENING OUR CHURCHES STEP 3](#)

***Please note that Christ Church's point person for collecting the data is Truda Howard.*