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**Sunday, Sept. 5th, 2021, Holy Eucharist
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

Celebrant: The Venerable Canon Judy Walton, Lay Reader: Postulant Gilles Haché,
Reader: Gail Latour, Organist: Charlie Strimas, Vocals: Victoria Alcock, John Howard



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Announcements

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Opening Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (Vs 1 3& 5) CP# 430

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean

And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps
show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your
faithful people, that richly bearing
the fruit of good works, we may by
you be richly rewarded;

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through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS: Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will

fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES: JAMES 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they

who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to

anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked

and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (Vs 1&2) CP#397

Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirsty in every land.

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 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She

begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went

home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then

looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn (cont'd): Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (vs 3)

Praise the one true love incarnate;
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
Praise the One who makes us one.

Homily:

The Venerable Judy Walton

Prayers of the People

Gilles Haché, postulant

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.

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.

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. **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

Great and holy God, accept our
offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual

worship and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #4

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: It is right to
give you thanks and praise, O
Lord, our God, sustainer of the

universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.

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

Celebrant: At your
command all things came to
be; the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies,
suns, the planets in their

courses, and this fragile earth,
our island home; by your will
they were created and have
their being.

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

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

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

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; And we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the

fullness of time, you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in

every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

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

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a

new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that

we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught

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 #4

Celebrant: "I am the bread

which has come down from heaven" says the Lord.

All: *Give us this bread for ever.*

The Communion

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Prayer after Communion

Father,
your word and sacrament give us
food and life.
May we who have shared in holy

things bear fruit to your honour and
glory, 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: River Run Deep (vs 1,2,4 & 7)

River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
Dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

I stand on the edge, lookin' down,
Too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown
Give me the courage to journey on,
River run deep, River run free.

River laughed on my birthing day,
Wind and water joined in play
Soaked my soul in a shining spray,
River run deep, River run free.

River singin' in you and me,
Spirit of life – deep mystery
Catch us up in your melody
River run deep, River run free.

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: Christ Church, Dresden; Church of the Advent, Ridgetown; Church of the Redeemer, Highgate.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Lynn Edey, Frank & Linda Emptage, Beth Fellows 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 Deanie's sister, Vera Ferguson, a gift of Garry and Deanie Minielly

Next Sunday: September 12, 2021: Holy Eucharist The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am (In-house only)

Celebrant & Homilist: The Ven. Judy Walton, Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Reader: Linda Emptage, Organist: Charlie Strimas

Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 7:26—8:1
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

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.