



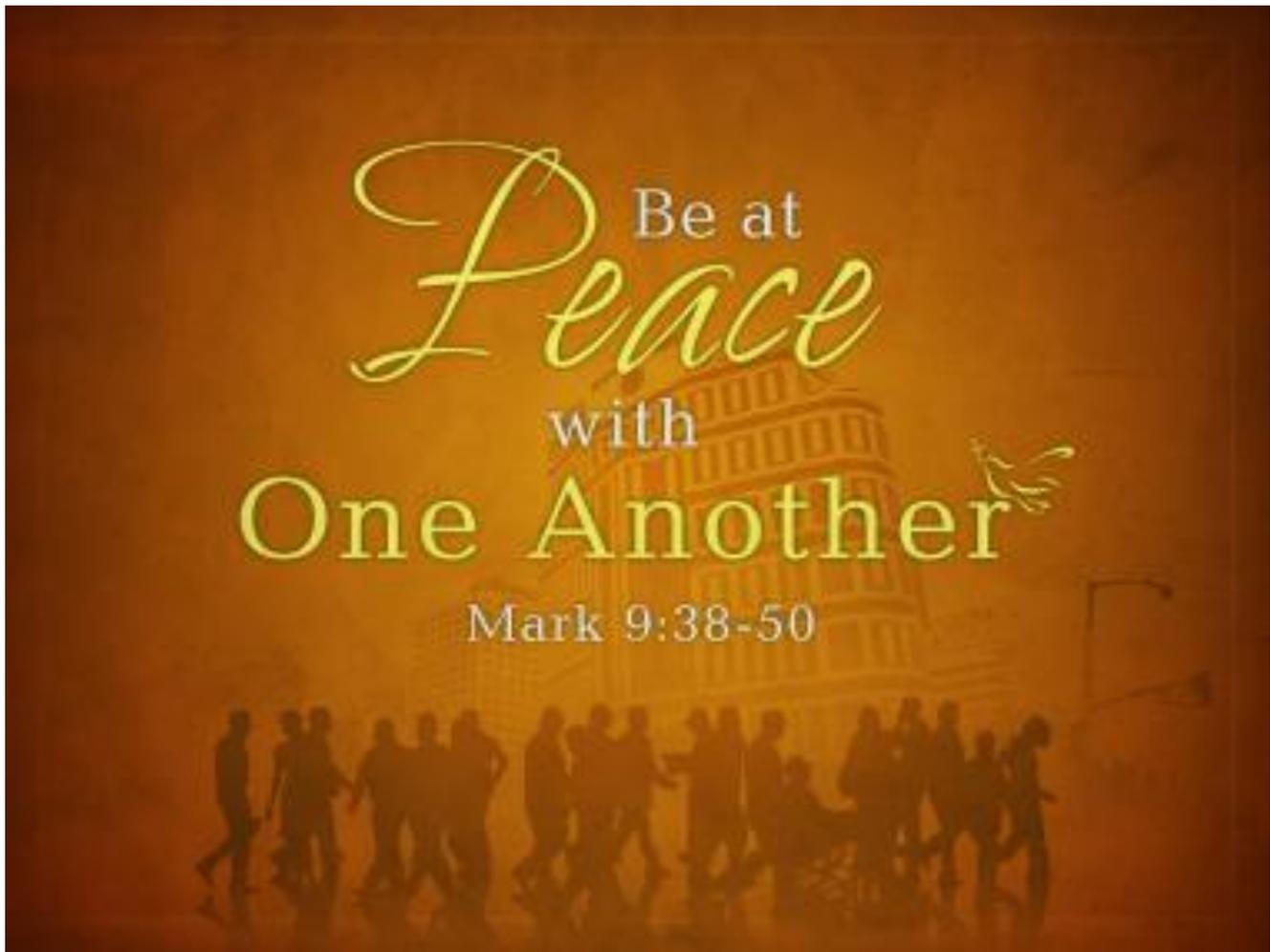
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Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

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

Sunday, Sept. 26th, 2021, Holy Eucharist
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am

Celebrant: The Venerable Canon Judy Walton, Homilist: Francis Richardson,
Lay reader: Postulant Gilles Haché, Reader: Bill Alcock, Organist: Charlie Strimas.



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Announcements

Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

John 17:17

Opening Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

CP# 418

Refrain

**Draw the circle wide,
Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.**

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,

In God's gracious arms. **Refrain.**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call. **Refrain.**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **Refrain**

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

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit
into one, may show forth your
power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ESTER 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then

Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They

should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call

for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed

fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: More Than We Can Ask or Imagine (Vs 1&2) CP#86

More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we can ever dare to
dream,
We are the children of heaven's
creation,
God's own beloved, each called by
name.
And we cry, Glory! Glory!
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!
Glory we sing!

More than we will ever imagine,
More than we will ever understand;
We are sent to walk with
compassion,
To live out God's love by heart and
by hand.
And we cry, Glory! Glory!
Glory to God who presses us on!
Glory! Glory! Glory on earth,
Glory our song.

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 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following

us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your

foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: More Than We Can Ask or Imagine (Vs 3)

CP#86

More than we can ask or imagine,
more than we could ever desire;
out of the dust God's building a
kingdom,
like wine from the press,
like bread from the fire.
And we cry, Glory! Glory!

Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! Glory! Glory on earth,
Glory on high! Glory! Glory!
Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! Glory! Glory on earth! Glory
on high!
Glory on earth! Glory on high!

Homily:

Francis Richardson

Prayers of the People

Postulant Gilles Haché

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

Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your
glory.
Receive the offering of your people

gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths to
praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our 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 #3

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose

many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People: *So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.*

The Communion

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with

holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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, Petrolia; St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy; St. James Church, Parkhill.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Sarah Howard, Truda & John Howard, Shelly Hurst 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, Kyle, 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 past members of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. .

Announcements

1. Today, please join us for refreshments following the service outside on the lawn (weather permitting).
2. Next week, Sunday, Oct 3rd, in addition to the regular 10:30am service, there will be a 4:00pm service to mark the Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Day. Bring human and animal friends!

**Next Sunday: October 3rd, 2021: Holy Eucharist
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

(In-house)

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

Readings: JOB 1:1, 2:1-10
HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12
MARK 10:2-16

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.

