



## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church  
131 Church Road  
Spruce Grove Alberta

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, Septemberr 8, 2024

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### **Open the Eyes of My Heart (Pre-Service Hymn)**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, - open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, - I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, - open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, - I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, - shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love, - as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, - open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, - I want to see You.

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I want to see You, - I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, - shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love, - as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, - holy, holy, holy.

holy, holy, holy, - I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy, - holy, holy, holy.

You are holy, holy, holy, - I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy, - holy, holy, holy.

holy, holy, holy, - I want to see you.

### **Let There Be Light - CP 572**

Let there be light, let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord, opening into grace.

Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name.

Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*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.**

## **Kyrie Eleison - CP 705**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. - Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. - Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the Day,

*All:* **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;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And the Collect for Creation,

*All:* **God of unchangeable power,**

**when you fashioned the world**

**the morning stars sang together**

**and the host of heaven shouted for joy;**

**open our eyes to the wonders of creation**

**and teach us to see all things for good,**

**to the honor of your glorious name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading** (Winnie)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

*(PROVERBS 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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 125**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*

**which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*

**so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*

**so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*

**and to those who are true of heart.**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*

**but peace be upon Israel.**

Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Second Reading** (Hazel)

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

*(JAMES 2:1-10, 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.

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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **We Cannot Measure How You Heal - CP 292**

We cannot measure how you heal - or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds - where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, - survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life - and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, - the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds, - are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends - the hurt we never hope to find,  
the private agonies inside, - the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help - and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world - are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here - to mend the body, mind and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain, - and make your broken people whole.

## **Gospel (MARK 7:24-37)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

*People* Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

#### The Apostle's Creed

*Officiant* 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 (Randy)

#### Confession and Absolution

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.*

*The officiant and people say together;*

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.**

*Celebrant says,*

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

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

### **Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant - CP 500**

Sister, let me be your servant, - let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to - let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, - fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other - walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you - in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, - speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; - when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow - till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, - we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together - of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, - let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to - let you be my servant too.

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant:* For these gifts, let us pray,

*All:* **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. Amen.

## 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

*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.*

*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. 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.

*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." 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."

*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. 206 Holy Eucharist Send your Holy Spirit on us and on 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.

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

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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**

*Celebrant* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*People* **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

## **The Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei – CP 685**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.



## **As We Gather At Your Table - CP 61**

### **I am the Bread of Life**

I am the bread of life.- He who comes to me shall not hunger;  
he who believes in me shall not thirst. - No one can come to me - unless the Father draw him.

And He will raise us up, - and He will raise us up,  
and He will raise us up on the last day.

The bread that I will give - is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread, - he shall live for ever, - he shall live for ever.

And He will raise us up, - and He will raise us up,  
and He will raise us up on the last day.

Unless you eat - of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, - and drink of his blood, - you shall not have life within you.

And He will raise us up, - and He will raise us up,  
and He will raise us up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, - I am the life.  
He who believes in me - even if he die, - he shall live for ever.

And He will raise us up, - and He will raise us up,  
and He will raise us up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, we believe - that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, - who has come - into the world.

And You will raise us up, - and You will raise us up,  
And You will raise us up on the last day.

### **The Power of Your Love**

Lord I come to You, - let my heart be changed, renewed,  
flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know - the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away  
by the pow'r of Your love.

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me, - bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle; - and I will soar with You  
Your spirit leads me on - in the pow'r of Your love.*

Lord unveil my eyes, - let me see You face to face;  
the knowledge of Your love - as You live in me.

Lord renew my mind, - as Your will unfolds in my life, in living every day,  
in the pow'r of Your love.

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me, - bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle; - and I will soar with You  
Your spirit leads me on - in the pow'r of Your love.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All:* 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. Amen.

*All:* O God our Creator, from ancient times you have always sent your peoples in every age to head out in faith along unfamiliar paths. Each time you have shown us that it is in these journeys into the unexpected where you meet us afresh and anew. Draw near to us, your pilgrim church, once again, as we draw near to one another in synod. Walk closely with us as we prepare to travel the next stretch of a shifting and uncertain road; speak to us of your Good News for the strivings and longings of this time and place; and cause our hearts to burn within as we remember our call to become the story we tell. Through Christ, in the Spirit, for the life of the world. Amen.

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*People* 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**

### **Birthdays/Announcements**

#### **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness - 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 thirst in every land.

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.

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### ***Please remember in your prayers this week:***

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Brandon, for Christ Church, Edmonton, for the Buyé Synod Office, for the Louis Bull Tribe, and for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Iain, Ann, Bill, and Scottie.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Bill, and for Val & family as they mourn.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Patrick & Terrie, Yvonne, Don & Dianne, Bradley & Katelynn, Terry; and their families.