

# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

24 September 2023 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

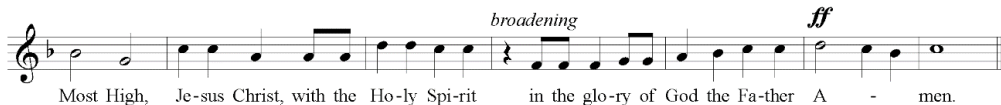
### Processional Hymn # 372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

### Gloria

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### **Collect of The Day:**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Kids Talk and Kids Hymn**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*We listen to today's scriptural readings*

### **A reading from the book of Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

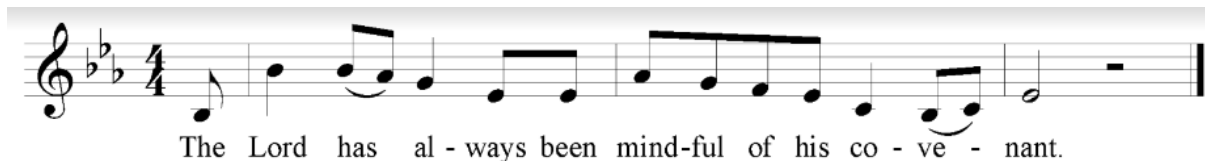
Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. **R**

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **R**

He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.  
They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven. **R**

He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.  
For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy. **R**  
He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. **R**

Hallelujah!

## A reading from the book of Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn # 435 Take My life, and Let It Be

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20: 1-16)



“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the Gospel of Christ



### Gospel Acclamation:



**Sermon:** Marian Allen

### **The Apostles' Creed:**

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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us 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.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Offertory Hymn # 477 Lamp of our Feet, Whereby We trace**

### **Prayer over the Gifts:**

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —



Heaven and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.



Bless - ed — is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -



san - na in — the high - est — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

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!**

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 for the forgiveness of sins. 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.



Christ has died. — Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain. —

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 family and our friends. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

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

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.



A - men, — a - men, a - men. —

### The Lord's Prayer (*All sing*)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us sing,



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your



will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For -



give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the  
pow'r and the glor-ry are\_\_\_ yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

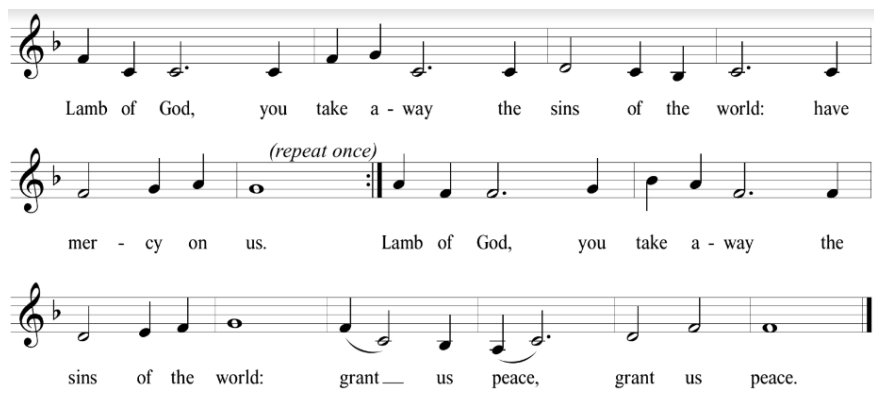
### The Communion

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The table is set, all are welcome. The bread is gluten free for all to share in the one bread, one body. There will be two stations set up today – one at the rail and one on the floor – please go to whichever station you are most comfortable.*

### Agnus Dei (*All sing*)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. *(repeat once)* Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant\_\_\_ us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion Hymn # 63 Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup

#### O Praise the Lord, All Ye People - Adrian Batten

O praise the Lord, all ye people: praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. **Amen**



### **Prayer after Communion:**

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Doxology:**

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**

### **The Blessing**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of the Son, Jesus Christ our Savior: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen**

### **Recessional Hymn # 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

### **The Dismissal**

Go forth into the world, to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**