

ST HILARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 20th, 2026 | 10.30am
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Let Us with A Gladsome Mind | Common Praise (CP) 398

The Greeting

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.

Season of Creation Prayer

“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 honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

(From: A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569)

Collect for Purity

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.**

Glory to God | *Please see Hymn Sheet in pew rack* | *Sung by all*

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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

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 fleshpots 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 and said, "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."

Exodus 16:2-15

Celebrant: The Word of The Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 *To be read alternatively by half verse*

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,

and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed,

for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering,

and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quails,

and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise,

and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy,

his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations,

and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

that they might keep his statutes

and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 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 I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 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 are in no way intimidated by your opponents. 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.

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, as you are able, for the Gospel procession.

Gospel Acclamation

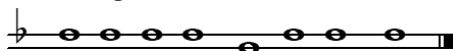
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken | CP 388 | Verses 1 & 2

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew

People:



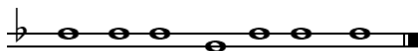
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, 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 labourers 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 the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 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 the usual daily wage? 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."

Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken | CP 388 | Verses 3 & 4

Sermon

Choral Anthem | Here I am, Lord

Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Lay Reader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
**All: 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: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange a sign of God's peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn | God Moves in a Mysterious Way | CP 546

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer No. 2

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,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus | *Please see lyric sheet in pew rack* | *Sung by all*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
In the holy Church,
now and for ever.

People:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer | *Please see lyrical hymn sheet in pew rack* | *Sung by all*

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: "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!**

Priest: These are the gifts of God for you
the holy people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Agnus Dei | *Please see lyrical hymn sheet in pew rack* | *Sung by all*

Communion Hymns

One bread, One Body, One Lord of All | CP 73

For the Bread Which You Have Broken | CP 74

Sharing of Communion

*All who seek to serve Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament as a
reminder of your baptism, or you may come forward for a blessing.*

Going Out into the World

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. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Priest: 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

Announcements

Recessional Hymn | Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here | CP 442

Dismissal

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

If you are a visitor, please sign the welcome book in the Narthex.

	Ministering Today
Lay Reader	Paul Taylor
Lector	Alina Roscoe
Chancel Guild	Sharon Andrew's Team
Organist	Keith Scott
Soloist	Arwen Kamateros
Crucifer	Samuel Omiunu

Aumbry Candle

This week, the Aumbry Candle burns in loving memory of Ted Campbell.

Memorial Flowers

To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones from the Wordhams.

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Youth Corner

The Sin of complaining – A Reflection of Exodus 16: 2-15
(Exodus 16: 2-15; Gospel of Matthew 20: 1-16)

“Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image...” (taken from the Collect prayer for this Sunday)

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

When we express our praise of God, we are celebrating the truth that God is able. That God is able to give us what we need. The food that we eat is one good example of what God gives to us every day.

Our lesson from the book of Exodus, describes to us a scene in which Moses and Aaron, were confronted by the whole congregation of the Israelites. They came to Moses and Aaron with their complaint. They said they were hungry. They said that they had food in Egypt. They described the food that the Egyptians gave them in Egypt.

The Lord God was listening. The Lord God heard the people complaining to both Aaron and Moses. Moses was right in saying to the people gathered before him, that their complaint was actually against God. Their complaint was like an accusation made against God. Their words of complaint against God showed they they had already forgotten all that God had done for them. For how could God who freed them from Egypt, who held back the waters of the sea allowing them to cross over, *not* be able to provide food for them in this new place?

The words of the whole congregation of the Israelites, should have been something like these words: *Because we saw the work of Your hands, freeing us from Egypt, we trust that You will provide for us here in this new place.*

The people gathered before Moses and Aaron showed themselves to be people who were not grateful. They refused to say thank you. Their words should have been words expressing gratitude for all that the Lord had done for them. Instead, they not only complained against the Lord, they suggested that it was easier for them back in Egypt. Because there in Egypt, there was the familiar food that they were used too.

How comfortable are we with change? Can we leave behind what we know, to embrace what God will give us along the path ahead?

The whole congregation of the Israelites were showing through their complaining that they were not comfortable with change. They chose to hold onto memories from their past. They were walking forward as a people, but looking back. Through their complaining, they were questioning whether God can satisfy their needs, even through they had personally witnessed what God could do. They set aside what they knew was true: That God alone is worthy of praise! That God alone should be praised. And what is praise of God? Praise of God, is the combination of three things. Remembering what God has done before. Knowing that God does not change. Trusting what God can do for us now. Jesus is our example of what praise of God looks like. Every work Jesus completed was intended to direct our praise to God the Father. May we strive to live lives shaped by an attitude of gratitude, in the pattern that Our Lord Jesus has set for us.

Your Brother in Christ+

Fr. Dwight