



6th Sunday after Easter

May 17th, 2020



“To know Jesus and make Him known”

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewayan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

St. Paul's Anglican Church,

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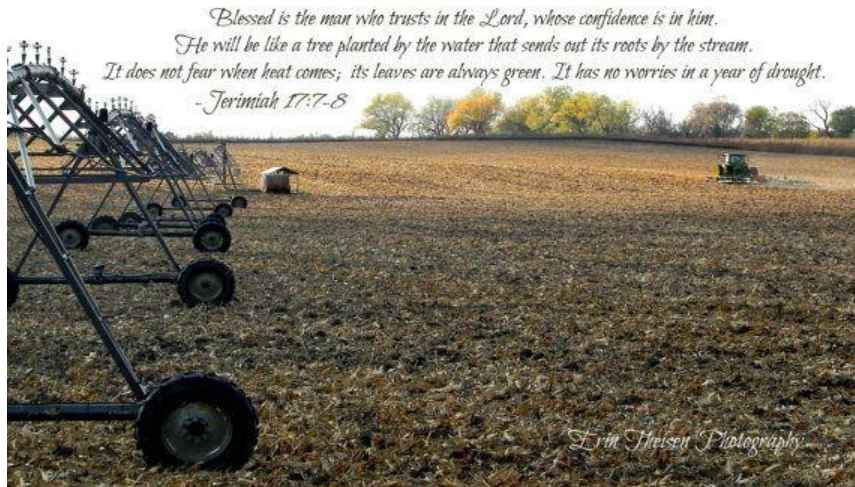
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ROGATIONS DAYS

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn # 258 – WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

1.

We plow the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.**

2.

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. **Refrain**

3.

We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, and food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. **Refrain**

Morning Prayer

BAS pages 47-55

Officiant

Lord, open our lips,

People

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

All

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Invitatory: *Officiant* Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:
People O come, let us worship.

Venite *Psalm 95.1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A reading from JOEL 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now
People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 126 (Congregation remain seated)

Refrain: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R** Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. **R** Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

A reading from 1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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Hymn # 355 – ALL CREATURES OF GOD and KING (Verses 1,4,7)

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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People: Thanks be to God

THE SERMON – The Rev. Warren Leibovitch

THE GARDEN SONG

Words & Music by David Mallet

Chorus

Inch by inch, Row by row.
Gonna make this garden grow.
All it takes is a rake and a hoe,
And a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch row by row,
Someone bless the seeds I sow.
Someone warm them from below,
'till the rains come tumblin down.

1. Pulling weeds and picking stones,
Man is made of dreams and bones.
Feel the need to grow my own,
'Cause the time is close at hand.
Grain for grain, sun and rain,
Find my way in natures chain.
To my body and my brain.
To the music from the land. **Chorus**
2. Plant your rows straight and long,
Thicker than with prayer and song.
Mother earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care.

Old crow watchin' hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree;
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered beak up there. Chorus

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APOSTLES' CREED (Please Stand) (BAS Pg. 189)

Celebrant 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 Healing Litany (Please sit or kneel)

LEADER Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People name those for whom they are interceding, either aloud or in silence.

LEADER God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

PEOPLE We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

LEADER Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

PEOPLE Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

PEOPLE **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

LEADER Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

PEOPLE **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

LEADER Bless physicians, nurses, Lay Pastoral Visitors and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

PEOPLE **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

LEADER Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

PEOPLE **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

LEADER Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by

PEOPLE human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

LEADER You are the Lord who does wonders:

PEOPLE **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

LEADER With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

PEOPLE **And in your light we see light.**

LEADER Hear us, O Lord of life:

PEOPLE **Heal us, and make us whole.**

LEADER Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN

Prayer for such troubling times:

Compassionate God, you know the pain of your people, we pray that your healing waters will flow all over the earth. We hold before you those who are suffering because of COVID-19; those without homes or jobs; those with disease of body, mind or spirit; those who hold onto vengeful, hurtful feeling. We pray especially for (list names). In the coming week, strengthen us to reach out to those in need. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 officiant may conclude with one of the following:

May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn # Hymn # 397 – PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS

- 1 Praise the one who break 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.
- 2 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.

- 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.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**