



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

9:30 am

St. John's Anglican Church

West Toronto

A SACRED SPACE

You may wish to create a sacred space by lighting a candle.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Presider:	The Rev. Margaret Rodrigues
Preacher:	The Rev. Margaret Rodrigues
Deacon:	The Rev. Evelyn Butler
Cantor:	Genesis Bovas
Voice of the Congregation:	Cheryl Atkins
First Reader:	Alan Harnum
Second Reader:	Greg Los
Gospeller:	The Rev. Margaret Rodrigues
Prayers of the People:	Joy Kennedy
Music Director:	Noah Franche-Nolan
Technical Support:	Chris Ruty

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen

PRELUDE

Hymn

We gather here, O God TERRA BEATA

*We gather here oh God, and it's a joy to see
The blessings of the gift of love in this community
Some gather in one place to offer thanks and praise;
Some join online-and we all find new hope for these new days
O Christ you call us here! We know your love's embrace
We're freed from sin and welcome in
all those who see your grace.
We worship, learn and serve, we join in times of fun.
We gladly share in work and prayer; together we are one!
O Spirit blowing free, O gentle burning blaze.
The gifts you give help us to live in faithful, loving ways.
The world cries out in need and many cry, "Enough"
In this new time, may your church find new ways
to share your love.*

COLLECT

Presider: Almighty God,
Jesus the Christ has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Readings are referenced on the final page.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Hebrew testament and the 2nd book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Eternal God had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a

house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Eternal God is with you."

But that same night the word of the Eternal God came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says God: "Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the God of hosts: "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, it is declared to you that God will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me."

PAUSE

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalm is printed in your bulletin – let us read it alternatively at full verse

I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

**My hand will hold him fast and
my arm will make him strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.

**I will crush his foes before him and
strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.

**I shall make his dominion extend
from the great sea to the river.**

David will say to me, “You gave me life, my God,
you are my rock of my salvation.

**I will make him my firstborn and
higher than the kings of the earth.**

I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand for him.

**I will establish his line forever and
his throne as the days of heaven.**

If his children forsake my law and
do not walk according to my judgements;

**if they break my statutes and
do not keep my commandments;**

I will punish their transgressions with a rod
and their iniquities with a lash;

**But I will not take my love from David,
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

**Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
'I will not lie to David.**

His line shall endure for ever and
his throne as the sun before me;
**it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky.'**

Reader: Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Bear in mind that at one time the men among you who were Gentiles physically – called “the uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcised,” all because of a minor operation that had no part in Christ and were excluded from the community of Israel. You were strangers to the covenant and its promise; you were without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh, Christ abolished the law, with its commands and ordinances, in order to make the two into one new person, establishing peace and reconciling us all to God in one body through the cross, which put to death the enmity between us. Christ came and “announced the Good news of peace to you who were far away, and to those who were near”; for through Christ, we all have access in one Spirit to God. This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are included in God's holy people and are members of the household of God, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the capstone. In Christ you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place of God in the Spirit

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

**Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*
*Song of the Three 29–34***

Glory to you, God of our ancestors; *
you are worthy of praise, glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendour of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Creator, Eternal Word,
and Life Giving Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Presider Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit

**Congregation: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen.**

**Gradual
Hymn 592 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of thy tears.*

*From tender childhoods helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.*

*The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to see
the sweet compassion of your face.*

*O Master, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;*

*Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.*

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller: May God be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark

Congregation: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

The apostles came back to Jesus and reported all that they had done and taught. Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to someplace more remote, and rest awhile." For there were many people coming and going, and the apostles hadn't had time to eat. So they went away in a boat to a deserted area. The people saw them leaving and many recognized them, so they ran together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of the apostles. When Jesus went ashore, there was a large crowd waiting for him, and he felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. After crossing the lake, Jesus and the disciples came ashore at

Gennesaret and tied up their boat there. No sooner had they stepped out of the boat than people recognized Jesus. The crowds started hurrying about the countryside and brought the sick on stretchers wherever Jesus went. Wherever he appeared – in villages, in towns or in the countryside – they laid down the sick in the open places, begging Jesus to let them touch just the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched Jesus got well

PAUSE

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

Congregation: Praise to you Jesus the Christ

SERMON

Musical Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Iona Abbey Worship Book

Presider: Please join me in affirming our faith together.

Congregation: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place; into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Gracious God

Congregation: Hear our prayer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: Let us testify with honesty the condition of our souls.
Silence is kept for personal confession

Presider: Gracious God,

Congregation: you have shown us the way of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us God, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace: through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

Presider: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be redeemed by Christ. Believe the good news, In Jesus the Christ we are forgiven! The blessing of God the Creator, Incarnate Word and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen

THE PEACE

Presider: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be always with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Take a moment to share the peace with your household and in the comment/chat section

OUR SAVIOUR'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Saviour taught us let us pray

Congregation: Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your reign come, your will be done

On Earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those

Who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil;

for the reign the power

and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen

Hymn

God, What's the Shape of Mission

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*God, what's the shape of mission—the work that we embrace
And what will be our vision for living in this place?
What words will help and guide us? What service will we do?
As you walk here beside us, how shall we live for you?*

*You molded your creation, you placed it in our care.
You shape our deepest longings for justice everywhere.
You sent your Son to save us—a gift from heaven above!
The mission that you give us is grounded in your love.*

*Sometimes, O Lord we struggle with our own busy plans.
We've tried to shape the gospel to fit our hearts and hands.
We've trusted our own culture to be the guiding way.
Yet you are still the potter and we are still the clay.*

*We see the work you're doing; it's not ours to control.
You're building and renewing! You make the wounded whole!
God, may your Spirit guide us to live in Jesus Christ.
Till love shapes all our mission and gives your church
new life.*

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known.

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go to walk God's journey of justice and pathways of
peace

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Building up for God!

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

Ministry Team:

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The Rev. Bob Shantz, *Honorary Assistant*
The Rev. Margaret Rodrigues, *Honorary Assistant*
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Hymns:

We Gather Here, Oh God, Tune: Traditional English melody Terra Beata ("This is My Father's World"),
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What's the Shape of Mission? Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")
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2021 Convention of Synod.

Kia tau ki a koutou te atawhai me te rangimarie o te Atua
("Grace and peace to you from God," or "May God's grace and peace be with you.")

Hymn 592 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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Today's Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, NRSV; Psalm 89:20-37, SSJD; Ephesians 2:11-22, *The Inclusive Bible*; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56,
The Inclusive Bible