



Sunday July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1, 3, 4)* CP 393

Land Acknowledgement

Together we say

The Township of Uxbridge is situated on the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Chippewa (Anishinaabe) people. We acknowledge that these lands are covered under the Williams Treaties and are home to many Indigenous communities. We honour, recognize, and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we now live, work, and play. (Township of Uxbridge)

Welcome ... Good morning. My name is Robin Dhillon. I will be officiating for our worship this morning. I invite us to take a moment of silence to prepare ourselves to enter into our worship as we ask God to quiet our souls that we may hear Him speaking to us.

Moment of quiet

Call to Worship

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of us this day and always. **Amen**

Officiant: As we begin our worship this day we remember what brings us here.

All: **We come seeking peace, hope and a renewing of our faith and God's Spirit in us.**

Officiant: This is the house of the Lord. Here we will find what we seek.

All: **Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.**

Officiant: When we ask for God's help - it will be given to us.

All: **Praise be to God who loves and cares for us.**

Opening Prayer

Officiant: God of Hope, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Officiant: Let us offer our prayer of confession, saying together

All: **God of mercy and compassion, we come before you in honesty about ourselves and our lives. We know we have been unfaithful to you and have not always lived out our baptismal covenant. For our wandering, wayward ways, hear our confessions of sin and selfishness and offer us your forgiveness. We ask for forgiveness and the strength to live each day as your children, as your very people, the Church. We pray to Christ our redeemer as we confess our need in the hope of our salvation and redemption. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Officiant: Jesus said, "Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Ask and it will be given to you. God has promised us grace and forgiveness in the love of Jesus Christ. May we receive God's mercy and live the life God desires. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Collect Prayer

Officiant: Almighty God, your Son 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Officiant: God of wisdom, as we listen to the Scriptures today, fill our hearts and minds with your living Word, so that our faith in Christ will grow stronger as we build our lives on him. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord 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 Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the

Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: 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 Lord 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 the Lord declares to you that the Lord 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.

(2 Samuel 7:1-14a)

Reader: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 89:20-37 (said responsively by verse)

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

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

Reader: No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down.

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

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

People: **I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.**

Reader: He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

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

Reader: I will keep my love for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.

People: **I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of heaven.**

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

People: If they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments;

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

People: But I will not take my love from him, nor let my faithfulness prove false.

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

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

Reader: His line shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me;

People: It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky.'"

Reader: Remember us, gracious God, when we cannot see your way and purpose, and renew in us the joy of your kingdom of light and life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Second Reading A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (*Ephesians 2:11-22*)

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Gospel Reading – A reading from the Gospel of Mark

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he

went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

(Mark 6:30-34, 53-56)

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Reflection

The Apostles Creed

Officiant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism saying,

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As Jesus taught us, we pray together

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

Offertory Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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Offertory Prayers

Officiant: God responds to our needs and requests with great generosity. Such is God's great love. Let us share God's love with others through the offering we present this day.

Let us pray

Generous God, we give you our gifts, thankful that your love is overflowing. Bless our offerings so that your love will flow through them to meet the needs of those who cry out to you and to us, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will hear their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant: As we conclude our worship today, may we know that we have been given the blessing of God's unfailing love. As we leave this time together, may we feel God's strength within us to face the challenges of the coming week. As we return to our daily lives, may we be committed to the pursuit of peace, revealing to all the world that we are all God's beloved children. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CP 508

Dismissal

Officiant: Beloved of God, we are healed and forgiven by God's grace and mercy. God has poured His love upon us that we may be faithful disciples, offering healing love and compassion to all we meet. May we go in peace and may God's peace always be with us.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

There will NOT be a service at St. Paul's on Sunday, July 28th. Please join the congregation at Church of the Ascension, Port Perry, or another church of your choice.

Financial Update – June 30, 2024

	<u>Budget 2024</u>	<u>Actual YTD 2024</u>	<u>Actual YTD 2023</u>
<u>Receipts:</u>			
<u>Identifiable Donors</u>	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 29,890.50	\$ 39,099.90
<u>Draw from Investments</u>	\$ 102,346.00	\$ 45,227.24	\$ 50,101.02
<u>All Other</u>	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 12,388.87	\$ 21,970.71
<u>Total</u>	\$ 213,846.00	\$ 87,506.61	\$111,171.63
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
<u>Salaries & Benefits</u>	\$ 116,330.00	\$ 40,576.00	\$ 71,079.07
<u>Property</u>	\$ 51,252.00	\$ 28,074.23	\$ 30,405.26
<u>Administration</u>	\$ 20,100.00	\$ 8,829.36	\$ 14,611.11
<u>Synod – Allotment</u>	\$ 20,714.00	\$ 10,357.20	\$ 9,254.94
<u>Parish Outreach</u>	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 2,880.20	\$ 4,229.63
<u>Total</u>	\$ 213,846.00	\$ 90,716.99	\$129,580.01