



**Sunday August 11, 2024
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



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Prelude

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul

CP 362

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, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the 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

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33)

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 130 (said responsively by verse)

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Reader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

People: If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

Reader: For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

People: I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

Reader: My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

People: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

Reader: With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Reader: Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*)

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Gospel Reading – A reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (*John 6:35, 41-51*)

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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

At the Lamb's High We Sing

CP 207

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

How Great Thou Art

CP 423

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

Ein Fest Burg ist Unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel