

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book
Parish Worship at St. Elizabeth's, Springfield
July 30, 2023

Opening Hymn: 390 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The Gathering of the Community

The people may be greeted informally.

The theme may be introduced and subjects of special concern or thanksgiving suggested.

Then all standing, the presiding priest or minister continues, using the following greeting.

Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

The following may be said.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The following may be said here,
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The congregation kneels.

The Summary of the Law, may be said.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear the teaching of Christ:

you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.

This is the first commandment.

And a second is this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Jesus said:

There is joy among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.
Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest.

The presiding priest or minister says

God has promised forgiveness
to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith
and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.

Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

A Collect of the Day shall be said here

The congregation sits.

The Proclamation

The Readings

*The appointed readings follow; silence may follow each reading.
The reader may say at the end of each reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 128

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

Gradual Hymn: 307 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

After the Gospel, silence may be kept. The reader says:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

Special Music: Joan Jurenas, accompanied by Hugh Jones

The Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed as follows, all standing.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.
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 and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and 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.**

The presiding priest or minister says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People

Just as the Spirit intercedes with deep sighs, let us turn our hearts
to the will of God and offer prayers for all peoples.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

Lord, have mercy.

For mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

For farmers and fishers and a good harvest, for travelers
and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the dying,
the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and captives,
and for their families.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people of Spring Brook, French River, Long River, and
New London, worshipping at St. Thomas', that the beautiful lands,
sea, and rivers of the Bay continue to support these communities
as they did in our ancestors' times.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people of Irishtown, Sea View, Darnley, Baltic, and Burlington,
worshipping at St. Stephen's, that the lovely hills, stretches of rocky,
red, sandy coastline, and rich farmland continue to enrich
and enliven their lives.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people of Kensington and surrounding areas, worshipping
at St. Mark's, that the community continues to thrive as a hub
for transportation, tourism, and agricultural industry.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people of Springfield and surrounding areas, worshipping at St. Elizabeth's, that the church continues to serve the historic families of the area and reminds us of what treasures we have in our heritage.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Saint Thomas, Saint Stephen, Saint Elizabeth, Saint Mark, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

***The Prayers of the People** may conclude with the following:*

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer** (which is to be used at least once in the service) may be said here, introduced by these or similar words.*

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people and presiding priest may exchange a sign of peace according to local custom. The priest then continues:

Brothers and sisters,

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The Preparation of the Gifts

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Offertory Hymn: 367 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

The presiding priest may say

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer. The presiding priest says

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.
You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.
When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

By his death on the cross,
he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world
and freed us from the bondage of sin.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory.
In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.
Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.
**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.
United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The priest breaks the bread. Silence may be kept.
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

The priest invites the people saying:

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
The presiding priest and people receive communion.

Prayer After Communion

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

The Dismissal of the Community

*The presiding priest, or the bishop when present,
may give the blessing to the congregation.*

Closing Hymn: 558 "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus"

The congregation is sent out with these words.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading GENESIS 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.'; Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

PSALM 128

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of your labour; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.
The man who fears the Lord, shall thus indeed be blessed.
The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading ROMANS 8:26-39

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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JULY 30, 2023

Welcome to all, especially those visiting today!

Please make yourself known to the greeters.

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128;

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In Nova Scotia:

~ Weymouth

~ Annapolis

~ Avon Valley

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

~ Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Diocese of Saskatchewan

~ Bishop Michael Hawkins; Indigenous Bishop Adam Halkett

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Luke's, O'Leary

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord (white)

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 99;

2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Jim D, Darlene L; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

All services will be led by the LLM's.

On August 13, the services at St. Thomas' (11 am) and St. Elizabeth's (7 pm) will be Services of Holy Communion as originally scheduled.

St. Stephen's (9 am) and St. Mark's (11 am) will be MP Services, as indicated in the summer schedule sent out some time ago.

Rev'd Shirley will be on vacation July 31 - August 7, including Sunday, August 6. Rev'd Ned Henthorne will be available for pastoral emergencies, backed up by our LLM's.

St. Mark's Church Yard & Bake Sale: August 5, 2023, 9 am-noon.

Come by and browse the new items that have been added to our present treasures. You will find puzzles, games, pet items, small appliances, linens, Christmas items, craft supplies, tools, children's toys, dishes, books, bake table goodies, and much more. Rain or shine, we will host the sale in the church basement. Spread the word and bring a friend along.

As has been the practice for some years, we will not be having services in the Parish on August 20, as this is **Harvest Festival Ecumenical Service Sunday** at 9:30 a.m. The Parish of New London is leading that service. Please come out and join us at this community service as you are able!