

Morning Worship
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude ~ François Couperin

Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Opening Hymn 348 "*The Living God Be Praised*" v. 1 & 4

*The living God be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same;
the one eternal God
ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought God's timeless years!*

*Eternal life hath God
implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
The living one be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.*

Scripture Sentence

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.
(see Ephesians 1.17, 18)

Versicles and Responses (p. 47 BAS)

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**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.**

Alleluia!

Antiphon

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **O come, let us worship**

Jubilate (Common Praise 749)

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Know this: the Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.*

*For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations." (3.1-15)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c (plainsong – Cantor only)

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name; tell the peoples what things he hath done.

O let your songs be of him and praise him, and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

Rejoice in his holy Name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face forever more.

Remember the marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen.

Israel also came into Egypt, and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.

And the Lord increased his people exceedingly, and made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned to hate his people, and to deal deceitfully with his servants.

Then sent he Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one

another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (12.9-21)

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Gradual Hymn 537 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" v. 1 & 2

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what

has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

(16.21-28)

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Anthem "Nada te Turbe" ~Taizé Chant

*Nada te turbe, nada te espante: Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante: Solo Dios basta.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (p. 52 BAS)

**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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Intercessions

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Other intercessions offered here...

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (*especially*). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing and Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Closing Hymn 529 "God, My Hope on You Is Founded" v. 1 & 5

*God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
Through all change and chance you guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
call my heart to be your own.*

*Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.*

Postlude ~François Couperin