

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN



JULY 26TH, 2026 ~ 9:00AM
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe (awn-ish-in-aw-bay), adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), Chippewa, and Cree, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

If you are visiting us –welcome!

We Gather As God's People

Leader Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *John 6.68*

OPENING HYMN #606
THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

(Please Stand)

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

† **EXHORTATION**

Leader Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

† **GENERAL CONFESSION** *(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)*

Leader Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

† THE COLLECT OF FORGIVENESS

Leader Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Leader O Lord, open thou our lips;

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Leader O God, make speed to save us;

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

(All Stand)

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

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

Leader Praise ye the Lord;

People The Lord's Name be praised.

† YOU ARE GOD

All You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Reader A reading from the book of **Genesis**

Then 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 for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. GENESIS 29.15-28

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A reading from **Psalms 105**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah!

PSALM 105.1-11, 45b

† **THE PSALM PRAYER**

Let us pray,

God of our salvation, through the death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

† **A SONG TO THE LAMB**

Revelation 4.11; 5.9-10, 13

All **Splendour and honour and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God, For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being;**

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God, From every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, Be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, for ever and for evermore. Amen.

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the **Romans**

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. ROMANS 8.26-39

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HYMN #509 **PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

Please remain standing

† **THE GOSPEL**

Reader A reading from the Gospel of **Matthew**

He 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.' MATTHEW 13.31-33, 44-52

Reader The Gospel of Christ
People **Thanks be to God**

† **SERMON** Nancy DeKuyper

Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven: Five Tiny Gems of Wisdom

A moment of quiet reflection

ANTHEM GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

Refrain:

God will take care of you, Thro' ev'ry day,
O'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

We Respond to God's Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand)

Leader Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we
say,

All 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.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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.

† COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader O God,

All 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. Amen.

† COLLECTS FOR PEACE AND GRACE

Leader O Lord our heavenly Father,

All Almighty and everlasting God, who hast
safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend
us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that
this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind
of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by
thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy
sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(You may stand, sit or kneel for prayer as you are
comfortable.)*

Intercessor Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor As we reach out our thoughts and our
energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping
that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human
heart, let us pray, saying. In the Spirit we plead, hear us, O
God.

Intercessor O God, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

Intercessor O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

Intercessor To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

Intercessor O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

Intercessor O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, all the sick especially Baby Oliver, Barb, Carol, Caroline, Cherlyn, Connie, Francoise, Glen, Isobel, Jan, Jennifer, Jess, Kelly, Lillian, Lew, Marie, Marie-Eve, Marilyn, Marilyn L., Mike K., Mike T., and Natalie. Give health and peace to all. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

Intercessor O God, we pray for the dead. On the last day gather us all into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for St. Mark, Midland, its food bank, prayer shawl ministry, and services at four retirement/nursing homes; for St. Mark, Port Hope, its support of the Green Wood Coalition, Fare Share food bank, and Northumberland County Food 4 All Warehouse; and for St. Martin, Bay Ridges, its support for many local initiatives including a food bank, Herizon House, DARS, Durham Youth Services, Durham Outreach Alliance, Back Door Mission, Water First, its Stewards of Creation, Outreach Garden, and its involvement in advocacy for the environment and anti-poverty measures. In the Spirit we plead.

People Hear us, O God.

O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

O **FFERTORY HYMN #399**
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

† **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Leader God of grace,

All accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

Leader Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

All we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to

us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

† PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Leader Almighty God,

All you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now 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 eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

† GRACE

All 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.

We Are Empowered For Mission

† BLESSING

† BENEDICTION HYMN

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be
gracious, be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN #533

TO WHAT CAN THE KINGDOM OF GOD BE
COMPARED? (tune CP #371)

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
 God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
 A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
 A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
 God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
 Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
 Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
 May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

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Next Sunday August 2nd, 2026
 10th Sunday After Pentecost
 Holy Communion, Archdeacon Bill Gray
 Christ Church 9am, St. George 11am

Readings

GENESIS 32:22-31 PSALM 17:1-7, 16 ROMANS 9:1-5

MATTHEW 14:13-21

Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.

Memorial Flowers:

Anyone wishing to order memorial/dedication flowers for
 the altar please contact Shelli Jeffs at 905-242-1358

**Christ Church Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday-Thursday
 Closed between 12:00 - 1:00pm**

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 environment. Please avoid wearing heavily scented body
 products. Thanks for your cooperation**