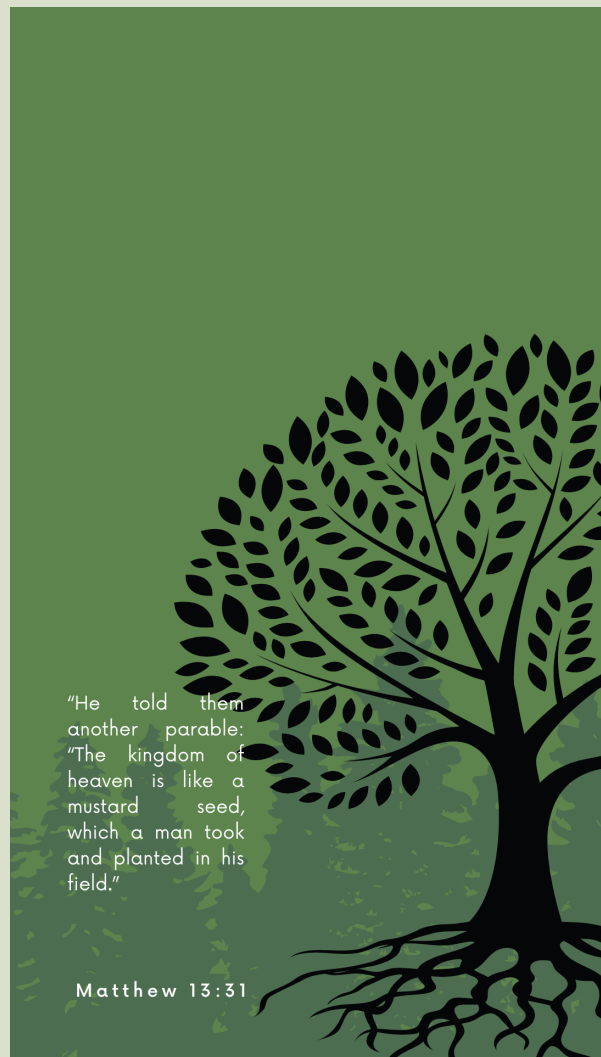


REGIONAL MINISTRY SERVICE
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 30TH, 2023 ~ 10:00AM

We Gather As God's People

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 525
CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION AURELIA

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

WELCOME: If you are visiting us - Welcome!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **GLORIA** *(Please Stand)*
All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant 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.

We Listen To God's Word

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

Carol Preston

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. 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**

Laurie Strawbridge

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!

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. PSALM 105:1-11, 45c

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans

Doug Harpur

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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G **RADUAL HYMN # 564**
LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US MANNHEIM
(VS 1 before the Gospel and VS 2 - 3 after the Gospel)

† **THE GOSPEL**

Gospeller The Lord be with you, *Janet Marshall*
People **and also with you.** *(Please stand)*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to: **Matthew**

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(sung)*
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." MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (sung)

† **SERMON** Janet Marshall

A moment of quiet reflection

ANTHEM HE LEADETH ME

(Choir Anthem with Congregation)

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:
He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
By his own hand he leadeth me:
His fithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

4 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by thy grace, the victory's won,
Even death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since thou through Jordan ledest me.

Refrain

† **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand)*

Celebrant 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.

We Respond To God's Word

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Helen Lee

Intercessor Let us pray.

(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

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

People 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 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 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 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 O God.

Intercessor O God, we pray for the homeless, the hungry, and the sick especially *[name silently or aloud...]* and for those known only to you, that they may find comfort and healing in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes. In the Spirit we plead:

People O God.

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for, St. Mark, Port Hope, its support of the Green Wood Coalition, Fare Share food bank, and Northumberland County Food 4 All Warehouse; for St. Martin, Bay Ridges, its support for many local initiatives including a food bank, Herizon House and Joanne's House youth shelter, Moorelands Community Services, and a newcomer settlement program, its Green Team, its mental health support initiative, and its involvement in advocacy for anti-poverty measures; and for St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto, its partnerships with PARC, Romero House and the Redwood Shelter, support of the Pikangikum water project, and education and advocacy initiatives. In the Spirit we plead:

People 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.

† **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence....*

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.

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

All Amen.

† **THE PEACE** *(Please Stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All and also with you.

O **FFERTORY HYMN # 507**
BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS DENNIS

† **PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

† **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant 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.

We Celebrate At God's Table

† **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #5**

Celebrant The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**



Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

All (Sung)
**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.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

† **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (said)

Celebrant 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.**

† **BREAKING OF THE BREAD # 2**

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Helping administer communion: Hilda Cole and Brennan Scanlon.

† **THE COMMUNION**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to come to the altar to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms at the rail.



† **COMMUNION HYMN**

#610 BEFORE I TAKE THE BODY OF MY LORD LAYING DOWN

† **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant God of grace,
All we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

† **THE 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.**

R ECESSIONAL HYMN # 399
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD NUN DANKET



Next Sunday August 6th, 2023		
The Transfiguration of the Lord ~ Holy Communion		
Readings		
DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14	PSALM 99	2 PETER 1:16-19
LUKE 9:28-36		
<i>Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.</i>		

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee, Chipewa, and Cree, on whose land and by whose waters we gather by the Williams Treaty to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

This territory is also under Treaty 20