

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30th, 2017

Presider: The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

Prelude: Matins (H. Willan)

Processional Hymn #378 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away.

All: **See, everything has become new!**

Presider: All this is from God,

All: **who reconciled us to himself through Christ.**

Presider: We entreat you on behalf of Christ,

All: **be reconciled to God.**

All: **God our Father,
we thank you that we are no longer
strangers to you but members together in
the body of Christ.
Send the Holy Spirit
to build up our unity,
inspire our worship,
and lead us on in the service
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Presider: Jesus said, "Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled." Let us, in a moment of silence, recognize those failings in us that undermine relationships, and cause hurt to others As brothers and sisters in God's family we come together to ask our God for forgiveness:
We confess the sins that bring hurt and betrayal upon those who trust us.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: We confess the sins that cause love to grow cold, and attitudes to harden.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: We confess the sins that impede the way to forgiveness and reconciliation.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Holy God we often place our needs and desires above everything else. How reluctant we are to seek your will.
Lord, have mercy.

Presider: God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love amongst us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, we receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength along, this day and evermore.
Amen

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm: #119:129-136..... p. 877

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

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

Homily The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick

Anthem Be Still, My Soul (Silbelus-Hopson)

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

**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,
He 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 Peace

Hymn during Collection: #651 God Sends Us His Spirit

Prayer over the Gifts:

All: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions

Our generous God in heaven, we give thanks for the church and for all that we receive through its worship, teaching, and fellowship. We pray for our bishop Linda..... For each other her and all who minister among us For our fellow Christians in other places Renew us by the Holy Spirit that we may grow as disciples of Christ. Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for this nation and those in authority who serve the people with integrity and dedication. We pray for all who shape our culture, especially those working in the media For people anywhere suffering from disaster, war or oppression Bring justice to all, and the opportunity to make the most of their lives. Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our community, and for those who cherish us. Strengthen the bonds of trust between husbands and wives, parents and children, friends and neighbours Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the health we have, and for the skills of those who attend to us when we are in need. Bring healing and encouragement to those suffering from ill-health, depression or frailty..... Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those whose memory we treasure Grant us with them, and with all the saints the joy of eternal life, in Christ our Lord. We pray for (from red book) and for whom or what else do we pray Lord God, **hear our prayer Amen.**

Presider: 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.**

Concluding Prayer:

**May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above. Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in
sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn #560 God, Whose Almighty Word

Postlude: Voluntary (J. Worgan)

Welcome visitors – we are blessed you are with us. Please let us know how we can serve you. If you desire, there are “Visitor’s envelopes” on the table in the narthex.

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Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors : Margaret Kissau, Danielle Richer

Lector: Matt Bulley **Collection Supervisor:** Paul Finlayson

Sidespersons: Pauline & Don Patterson, Virginia Schofield, Ed Levergood

Fellowship Hour: volunteers

Green Team (July 30-Augus 6): Jane Patterson

Scripture readings for Sunday, August 6, 2017: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps. 99; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36

Summer Services – Please note that until August 6 inclusive, there will be only one Sunday service (at 10 am). The 8:30 am services will resume on August 13. **Rev'd Andreas will be on vacation from July 11-Aug. 10** – For any pastoral concerns, please contact your Churchwardens, Janet Williams (519-972-5441), and Gordon Drake (519)966-4585.

Amazonia collection- Thank you for your generosity in supporting the recent Huron-Amazonia collection. Together, we raised \$290.00. Your gifts are helping to support the ongoing good work of our companion diocese relationship.

Craft Guild Thursday – the Craft Guild meets every Thursday in the Parish Hall from 6:30 – 9 pm. Hope to see you there!

Marlborough Breakfast Program – On St. Matthew’s Day in September, your loose change, bills or cheques will be gratefully received to provide the children at Marlborough Public School with a hot breakfast every Monday during the upcoming school year. Thanks for supporting this ministry.

Backpacks – School supplies are on sale! Now is the time to pick up those backpacks and coloured pencils. Last year we took about 10 pounds of coloured pencils into the Detention Centre. Can we do even more this year? Thanks for being a blessing to the forgotten.