



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**Baptism and Holy Eucharist**

*Welcome to worship. The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.*

*Please respond by saying the parts in **bold** type.*

*Please wear your mask for the duration of the service.*

*Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.*

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*When the sacristy bells rings, all stand*

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*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*     There is one body and one Spirit  
*People*        **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant*     One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
*People*        **One God and Father of all.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
you call your Church to witness  
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may turn to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*             **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

*Reader:* Donna Belleville

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

*Reader*        Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

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The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, \***  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, \***  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**  
**and runs about to the end of it again; \***  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the LORD are just**  
**and rejoice the heart; \***  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear**  
**and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.  
**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleans me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*All stand*

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who

are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

*At the conclusion of the Sermon, the Baptismal party stands*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Celebrant* The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents  
and Sponsors* We present  
Spencer Thomas Rock  
Harper Marilyn Rock  
to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the candidate*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?  
*Answer* I do.

*The Congregation stands*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their life in Christ?  
*Answer* We will.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*Celebrant* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Open their heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.  
*People* **Amen.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*People* To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Let us join with those  
who are committing themselves to Christ  
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People*** **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People*** **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

***People*** **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

***People*** **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People*** **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*The People sit*

## THE BAPTISM

*The Celebrant pours water on the candidate's head*

*Celebrant* Spencer Thomas/ Harper Marilyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***People*** **Amen.**

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead*

*Celebrant* I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

*The Celebrant prays over the newly baptized*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**People**        **Amen.**

## THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

*The Celebrant gives the newly baptized a lighted candle*

*Celebrant*     Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*The People stand*

**People**        **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*Celebrant*     Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People**        **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*The Baptismal parties return to their places*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**

*The peace is shared by BOWING at one another. Please refrain from physical contact*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*All stand*

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant*     Holy God,  
accept all we offer you this day.  
May we who are reconciled at this table  
bring wholeness to our broken world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**People**        **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**



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

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

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all your holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **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 remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new  
covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.**

#### THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The Holy Eucharist is distributed in one kind only  
Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the front of the church*

***The Diocese of Niagara guidelines for receiving communion are:***

*“Communicants are to sanitize their hands, receive the host while continuing to wear a mask and maintaining physical distance with all others except the communion minister. Once physical distance from the communion minister has been re-established, they are to briefly lower or remove their mask, consume the host, and replace the mask.”*

*After communion, all stand for*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant*      God of peace,  
                      in this eucharist we have been reconciled  
                      to you and to our neighbours.  
                      May we who have been nourished by holy things  
                      always have the courage to forgive.  
                      We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
*People*            **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

*Celebrant*      May the peace of God,  
                      which passes all understanding  
                      keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
                      and of his Son, Jesus Christ.  
                      And the blessing of God Almighty:  
                      the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
                      be upon you and remain with you always.  
*People*            **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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