

# The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 20, 2022**

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them and they follow me.**

*John 10.27*

**Celebrant:** The Rev'd Canon Maggie Helwig

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Prelude

### Greeting

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

*Response* **And also with you.**

### Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant* Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory.

We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

### Hymn 469: *Sing praises old and new*

FONDREN

- 1 Sing praises old and new; past and present join in one.  
Old covenants renew; new commitments have begun.  
God's soaring purpose spans ages, lives, and lands.  
Christ's open, wounded hands past and present join in one.
- 2 Word, from the heart of God, costly, unexpected grace;  
Love, making all things good, Light of all the human race;  
hail, Wisdom, deep and vast, shining in Israel's past,  
raising the least and last: costly unexpected grace!
- 3 Great Spirit make us wise; doors of promise open wide.  
Though evil's deadly lies truth and goodness set aside,  
faith never stands alone, hope rolls away the stone,  
love makes your presence known, doors of promise open wide.
- 4 People of hope, be strong! Love is making all things new.  
Lift our united song, show what faith can dream and do!  
Come, Presence, ever near, revive us year by year.  
Sing through our joy and fear, "Love is making all things new!"

## **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*Response* **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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

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

*Response* **And also with you.**

## **Gloria**

*Hurd*

*Celebrant*    Glory to God in the highest,  
*Cantor*        **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.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.  
                  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 our 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.  
*Cantor*        **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily.*

### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 1.4-10**

*Reader*        A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you

shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

***Response***    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 71.1-6** *In te, Domine, speravi*



- 1     IN YOU, O Lord, have I ta-ken re-fuge; /  
let me něv-ěr be a<sup>^</sup>-shamed.
- 2     **In your righteousness, deliver me and<sup>^</sup>set me free; /  
**incline your ear to mě änd save me.****
- 3     Be my strong rock, a cas-tle<sup>^</sup>to<sup>^</sup>keep me safe; /  
you are my crag änd my strong-hold.
- 4     **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wick-ed; /  
from the clutches of the evildoer and thě öp-press-or.**
- 5     For you are my hope, O Lord God, /  
my confidence since I was young.
- 6     **I have been sustained by you ever since I was *börn*;  
from my mother's womb you have<sup>^</sup>been my strength; /  
my praise shall be äl-wäys of you.**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 12.18-29

*Reader*        A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel acclamation: Alleluia**

*Cantor*        **Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.**

*Gospeller*    The Lord be with you.

*Response*    **And also with you.**

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*Response*    **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 13.10-17**

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of Christ.

*Response*    **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**      Mtr Maggie Helwig

**Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*    Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*Response*    **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Intercessions

*Bidding* As announced.

*Response* As announced.

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory hymn 291:** *O Christ, the healer*

ANGELUS

- 1 O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
when reached by love that never ends?
- 2 From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.
- 3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.
- 4 In conflicts that destroy our health,  
we diagnose the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills:  
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
- 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Loving God and Father,  
you have adopted us to be your heirs.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and give us grace to live as faithful children.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Response* Amen.



## **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Cantor* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*Cantor* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Cantor* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.  
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.  
Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Cantor* **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.**

*Cabena*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."  
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

*Response* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Robinson*

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*Cantor* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* "I am the bread which has come down from heaven",  
says the Lord.

***Response* Give us this bread for ever.**

*Celebrant* "I am the vine, you are the branches."

***Response* May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*Cabena*

***Cantor* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,  
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated,  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
I present to you my soul and body  
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.  
And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.  
Let nothing ever separate you from me.  
May I live and die in your love.  
Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Eternal God,  
we have received a token of your promise.  
May we who have been nourished by holy things  
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Response* Amen.**

## **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*Response* **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.**

## **Blessing**

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

*Response* **Amen.**

**Hymn 310:** *Sing praise to God who reigns above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

- 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory.
- 2 The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a parent's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory.
- 3 Thus, all my gladsome way along,  
I sing aloud your praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body bear your part:  
in God all praise and glory.

4     Let all who name Christ's holy name  
      give God all praise and glory;  
      let all who own his power proclaim  
      aloud the wondrous story!  
      Cast each false idol from its throne,  
      for Christ is Lord and Christ alone:  
      to God all praise and glory.

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon*     Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*Response*   **Thanks be to God.**

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

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