

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



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2022**

**There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.**  
*Luke 15.10*

**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 43:** *From all the wind's wide quarters*      ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

- 1      From all the wind's wide quarters, come, see the feast is spread,  
of soul-sustaining waters, of true and living bread;  
of sorrows long-departed, and joys beyond compare—  
come, poor and humble-hearted, the feast of life to share!
- 2      With mercy all-prevailing God bids the wanderer come;  
in grace and peace unfailing invites the children home.  
With loving-kindness tender, God frees us from our sins—  
in glory and in splendour the feast of life begins!
- 3      Come, claim the promise spoken! God's purpose stands secure.  
The fruitful word unbroken shall evermore endure.  
All ancient bondage ended to sin's corrupting powers—  
forgiven, freed, befriended, the feast of life is ours!

## **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 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.  
*Cantor*        **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

## **First Lesson: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28**

*Reader*        A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them. ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children,

they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.'

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 14** *Dixit insipiens*



- 1 THE FOOL has said in his heart, "There is no God." /  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 **The Lord looks down from heaven up-on us all, /**  
**to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faith-less; all alike have turned bad; /  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all those e-vil-do-ers /**  
**who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**
- 5 See how they trem-ble with fear, /  
because God is in the company of the righ-teous.
- 6 **Their aim is to confound the plans of the af-flict-ed, /**  
**but the Lord is their re-fuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zi-on! /  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### **Epistle:** 1 Timothy 1.12-17

*Reader*        A reading from the letter to Philemon.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full

acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel acclamation: Alleluia**

*Cantor*        **Alleluia. There is joy before the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents. 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 15.1-10**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

*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* Creator of all,

*Response* **Hear our prayer.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory hymn 606:** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*    GOTT WILL'S MACHEN

- 1     There's a wideness in God's mercy  
      like the wideness of the sea;  
      there's a kindness in God's justice  
      which is more than liberty.
- 2     There is no place where earth's sorrows  
      are more felt than up in heaven;  
      there is no place where earth's failings  
      have such kindly judgement given.
- 3     There is plentiful redemption  
      in the blood that has been shed;  
      there is joy for all the members  
      in the sorrows of the Head.
- 4     Foolish hearts, why will you scatter  
      like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
      Fainting souls, why will you wander  
      from a love so true and deep?
- 5     For the love of God is broader  
      than the measure of our mind,  
      and the heart of the Eternal  
      is most wonderfully kind.

### **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 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 of life", says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

***Response***    **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

## **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.  
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.

**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 393: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise***

ST. BASIL (CP 394)

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither, and perish, but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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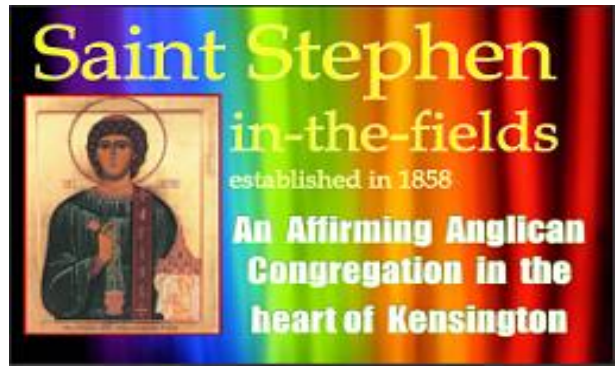
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