

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



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 17, 2022**

**You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.**

*2 Corinthians 8.9*

**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 614:** *Forgive our sins as we forgive*

DETROIT

- 1 Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

## **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 created the heavens and the earth,  
                  and ourselves in your image.  
                  Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
                  and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
                  through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
                  who is alive 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 8.18—9.1**

*Reader*        A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

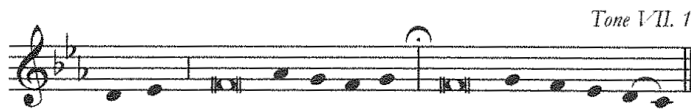
My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: ‘Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?’ (‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’) ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

***Response***    Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 79.1-9** *Deus, venerunt*



- 1 O GOD, the heathen have come into your inheri-*tā*nce;  
they have profaned your ho-ly tem-ple; /  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rub-blē.
- 2 **They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, /  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the fiēld.**
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je-ru-<sup>^</sup>sa-lem, /  
and there was no one to bu-<sup>^</sup>ry thēm.
- 4 **We have become a reproach to our neigh-bours, /  
an object of scorn and derision to those a-round ūs.**
- 5 How long will you be an-gry, O Lord? /  
will your fury blaze like fire for ev-<sup>^</sup>er?
- 6 **Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you /  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called up-on<sup>^</sup>your nāme.**
- 7 For they have de-your-ed Ja-cob /  
and made his dwell-ing<sup>^</sup>a ru-in.
- 8 **Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; /  
for we have been brought ve-ry lōw.**
- 9 Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glo-ry of<sup>^</sup>your Name; /  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sāke.

**Epistle:** 1 Timothy 2.1-7

*Reader*        A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was

appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel acclamation: Alleluia**

*Cantor*        **Alleluia. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 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 16.1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.”

Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and

love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

*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*     The Lord is full of compassion.

*Response*   **His love lasts forever.**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory hymn 455:** *Dear God, compassionate and kind*

REPTON

- 1     Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.  
      Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,  
      in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2     In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
      the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word  
      rise up and follow thee.
- 3     O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,  
      where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity  
      interpreted by love.
- 4     Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;  
      take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess  
      the beauty of thy peace.
- 5     Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
      let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
      O still small voice of calm.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant*    God of power,  
                  the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  
                  Accept our offering this day,  
                  and help us to live in peace and harmony  
                  with all your creation,  
                  for the sake 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.  
Ruler of the universe,  
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.  
May we who have shared in holy things  
grow into maturity in him.  
This we ask in the name of the same 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 572: *Let there be light***

CONCORD

- 1 Let there be light, let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;
- 2 open our lips, open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord opening into grace;
- 3 perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;
- 4 hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;
- 5 thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;
- 6 let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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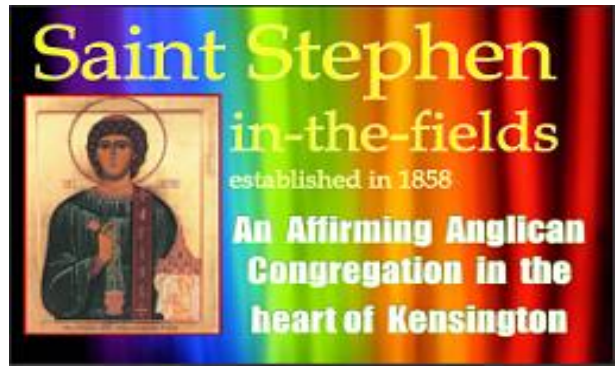
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