



**St. Matthew's
Anglican Church, Riverdale**

Pentecost 21

2026 October 18th

Holy Eucharist - 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Karen Koiter

Musician: Ian Koiter

Welcome to worship at St Matthew's. Our liturgy this morning is taken from The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. If you are new to the Anglican tradition, the word 'liturgy' simply means 'the work of the people'. Our service involves everyone offering worship together in prayer, song, and word. Please feel free to join in on the italicized parts whenever you feel comfortable.

If you have questions about anything you hear or see today, please feel free to ask them after the service.

Children are welcome to use the play area in the back, or to use the provided activity packs.

A comfortable nursing room is available through the parish hall, to the left of the stage.

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Processional Hymn

CP #342 We Praise You, O God

The 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.

People: And also with you.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: 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 Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the powers and rulers of this world you alone may claim our loyalty and love. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

- 2 *The Lord is great in Zion;
He is exalted over all the peoples.*
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- 4 *Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.*
- 5 Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- 6 *Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.*
- 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.
- 8 *O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.*
- 9 Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in
our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and

sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn

(Please stand)

CP #446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth (verses 1-2)

Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew 22:15-22**

People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes

to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gradual Hymn

CP #446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth (verses 3-4)

Sermon

(Please be seated)

The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand)

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

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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 Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel as you are able for the prayers of the people. The response after “Let us pray to the Lord” is “Lord, have mercy”.

Confession

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: 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.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

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

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

The offertory is a moment to be thankful for all that God has given us, and to offer our gifts, our praise and thanksgiving, and the gifts of bread and wine to God's glory.

Offertory Hymn

CP #432 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Prayer over the gifts – Celebrant

Offertory Response

(Sung by all)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (CP #735)

(Sung)

*People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

(Please sit or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your Kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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 a 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 for 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

*People: Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: *We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Agnus Dei (CP #747)

(Sung)

People: *Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.*

The Communion

*All baptized believers are welcome to receive the bread and wine.
If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you
are welcome to come up for a blessing – just signal this by crossing
your arms over your chest.*

Communion Hymns

CP #435 Take My Life, And Let It Be

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Verse 2

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Verse 3

*No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Verse 4

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: *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.

Celebrant: 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 our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

CP #565 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us today!

Announcements

A funeral service for Ronald Williams will take place on Friday, October 23, 2026, at 12:00 noon at McDougall & Brown Funeral Home, 2900 Kingston Road, Scarborough. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., one hour before the service.

Prayer Cycle

We pray for: Suzeena Dass; John and Shannon Epp; Paul, Heather, and Stephen Francis; Anthony, Meaghan, Noah, Sophie Granville; Nicholas Hamilton

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