



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

Pentecost 19

2026 October 4th

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.

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Processional Hymn

CP #1 Holy Holy Holy

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: Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Proclamation of the Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 80:7-15

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

8 *You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.*

9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

10 *The mountains were covered with its shade,*

the mighty cedars with its branches;

- 11 it sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
- 12 *Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?*
- 13 The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
- 14 *Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven and see;*
have regard for this vine,
15 the stock that your right hand planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn

(Please stand)

Speak O Lord (verses 1 and 2)

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew 21:33-46**

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

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it,

and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.

Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn

Speak O Lord (verse 3)

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us

*Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

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.

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

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

(Please stand)

CP #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

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.*

Prayer over the gifts – Celebrant

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: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your
creation, you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you, joining 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: 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*People: 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.

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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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

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,
please cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.*

Communion Hymns

CP #60 Come With Joy, a Child of God

What a Solid Foundation

*What a solid foundation, O children of God
Is laid for your faith in God's life-giving Word
What more could be written? What more could be seen?
Oh come and find refuge at our Saviour's feet*

*"Fear not, I am with you, O don't be dismayed
For I am your God, and this promise I've made:
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand*

*When through the deep waters, I call you to go
Those rivers shall not overwhelm you with woe
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless.
My redemption will speak to your deepest distress*

*When through fiery trials your pathway may lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply
The flame cannot hurt you: my only design
Is to burn away dross so that gold is refined."*

*My God, you have called me, according to your Word
To trust that you'll carry me through all this world
Our lives will all hold both joys and griefs,
Still your presence is bringing your promised peace
Your promised peace*

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 #525 The Church's One Foundation

Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Prayer Cycle

We pray for: David and Austen Alenskis; Jacob and Michelle Bhana; Japheth and Cylus Bhana; Jessie Bhana; Victor, Saleem, and Jonathan Bhana

Announcements



Next Sunday, October 11, is our Thanksgiving Sunday service. Parishioners are invited to bring fresh fruit and vegetables or non-perishable food items to church. We decorate the front of the church with the fresh produce before the service. Please arrive at church a little early if you are bringing produce. Later, all donated food is shared with the Mustard Seed ministry. All food donations are greatly appreciated.

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