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*This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase, Treaty 13 of 1805, and the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today, our community is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We gather by these territorial lands and waters to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.*

## **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RICHMOND HILL**

# *Pentecost II*      **AUGUST 4, 2024**

PRELUDE    *Ethan Kwan*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
Full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Eternal God our creator.

**In you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses**

**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we were still sinners,  
and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

**Amen.**

**HYMN ELW # 647 GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN**

**Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God!**

**He, whose Word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
You may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them on their way.**

**Saviour, since of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in your name;  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,  
All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.**

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.....

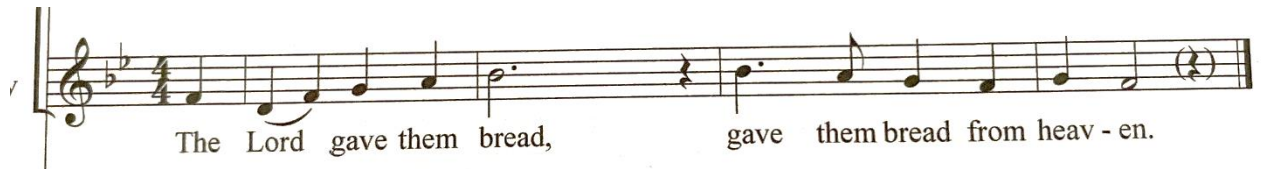
Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:23-29

**Sung Antiphon**



God commanded the skies above,  
and opened the doors of heaven;  
raining down upon them manna to eat,  
and giving them the grain of heaven. **Antiphon**

So mortals ate of the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough. **Antiphon**

The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,  
and powerfully led out the south wind; **Antiphon**

God rained down flesh upon them like dust,  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas;  
letting them fall in the midst of the camp,  
and round about the dwellings. **Antiphon**

So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved. **Antiphon**

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no

longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia.

One does not live by bread alone,

**But by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

JOHN 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN: ELW # 487 WHAT FEAST OF LOVE**

**What feast of love is offered here  
What banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life  
What gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king  
The bread come down from heaven  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here  
What covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life  
What wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king  
The sun come down from heaven  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here  
What crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life  
What precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king  
The sweetest wine of heaven  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and 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.**

## PRAYERS

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its  
beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church,  
especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun  
blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing  
the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Bless the work of all who tend  
the crops that feed our communities. Send forth ample rain and sun.  
Speak peace wherever homes, towns, businesses and lands are damaged  
by landslides, hurricanes, floods, fire or storms. Our prayers continue for  
Jasper and all communities experiencing wildfires this season, and for  
the interior of British Columbia in the midst of landslide flooding.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and  
land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect  
the most vulnerable. Come to the aid of all nations and leaders who fear  
conflict, violence, or injustice, especially Israel, Palestine, Iran, Lebanon,  
South Sudan, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine. Raise up advocates and  
peacemakers to speak truth and hope into the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, help all who are struggling with illness, are pain.  
Give your promise of healing to Ingrid, Hans,  
and all we hold in our thoughts and hearts.....

*pause*

Saving God, grant endurance and comfort to all in our community  
experiencing hardship, hunger, violence, or anxiety.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Send comfort to the grieving, especially the family and friends of Rev. Martin Giebel.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord God, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations for those denied a place at the table kept only for the privileged so that our actions match our prayers so all feel truly welcome.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

*The offering will now be received and may God bless the gifts of your life*

#### HYMN DURING OFFERING

##### ELW # 477 I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

**Refrain** I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

Jesus said: I am the bread....kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me...need not ever fear to die. **Refrain**

Jesus said: I am the way,...and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home...to be one with us anew. **Refrain**

Jesus said: I am the truth;...come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart,...and my word shall make you free.

**Refrain**

Jesus said: I am the life...far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread,...and my Spirit you shall know. **Refrain**



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

In the harmonious world of your creation

The plants and animals, the seas and stars

Were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world

You sent your Son to heal our ills

And to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, his acts of healing,

His body given up, and his victory over death,

We await that day when all the peoples of the earth

Will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal;  
As grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
So let your church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
That all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honour is yours, Almighty God,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words  
"the body of Christ given for you" "the blood of Christ shed for you"*

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ  
strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,  
and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood  
of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to  
proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN: ELW # 618 GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER**

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forever more,  
I will raise forever more,**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live and love in the truth and joy of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**    *Ethan Kwan*