

Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
Anglican Parish of Lantz



### **Our Mission**

*To be a diverse ministering community  
making Christ's presence known in the world around us.*

### **Sunday Summer Worship**

**July:** 9:30 St. George's Church, Dutch Settlement

**August:** 9:30 Christ Church, Lantz

### **Parish Clergy**

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath

Rev'd Patty McKenna

# Our Worship Today

## **Call to Worship:** *(standing)*

All God's works give thanks to the Creator.

**We will lift up our voices in praise.**

The Creator is near to all who call upon God in truth.

**We will sing of God's power and speak of God's loving kindness.**

Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

**Let us praise God's holy name forever.**

Gracious and generous God, we gather with grateful hearts,  
amazed by the abundance in your creation,  
abundance to share in food, in friendship and in faithfulness.  
We gather with hopeful hearts, seeking another taste of your love for us.  
Your love is both mysterious and miraculous, O God,  
with the power to transform times that overwhelm us  
and those lives that hunger for hope.  
By the power of your Spirit, move among us in our worship.  
Open before us the new possibilities you create for us  
in Christ, the Bread of life, bread for our journeys.

## **Collect for Purity:**

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. Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn: God is Here**

**God is here! As we His people, / Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure / What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, / All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of His Spirit / Into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us / Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, / Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, / God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, / In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; / help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, / All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you, / We adore you! We believe!**

## **The Collect:**

Holy and living God: the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;  
enfold us in your gracious care and mercy,  
that with you to govern and to guide us  
we may so use your gifts in this fleeting world  
that we do not lose the good that is eternal; through Jesus Christ  
who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

**Speak to us through the Scriptures this day, O God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a deeper understanding of your Word for our lives and our times, through Christ, the Living Word. Amen**

## **Proclamation of the Word:**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (11:1-15)  
(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm: 14**

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good, no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people  
as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.

**You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad. **Amen**

## **The Gospel:**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to John (6:1-21)

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

(After the reading)

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Sermon

## **Confession of Faith**

We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future. Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.

We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.

We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service. Amen

## **Prayers of the People:**

*We pray for the church, the world, our community, and those known to us, remembering especially those in particular need. We respond to each petition saying, 'Hear our prayer'.*

## **Confession & Absolution:**

### **Call to Confession:**

Creator God, we confess that we often fail to recognize the bounty around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and label is too little rather than sufficient. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough for flourishing.

### **Confession:**

**Most merciful God, 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.**

## **Assurance of Pardon:**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

## **Celebrations:**

*We celebrate special occasions in the lives our parish family*

**O God, our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Exchanging of the Peace:**

May you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehova**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, / Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; / Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven; Bread of Heaven  
Feed me now and evermore / Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, / Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar / Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer; Strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield / Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

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 of praises, Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee / I will ever give to Thee  
Songs of praises, Songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee / I will ever give to Thee

## **Prayer over the Gifts:**

God of abundant love, we offer our gifts to you willingly, and yet they seem so small in a world of great need. Bless and multiply them in your love. Surprise us with your power, working in us and through us, to accomplish worthy things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.

# **Eucharistic Prayer**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise;  
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of  
your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth,  
you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,  
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and  
reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe  
we proclaim your glory saying:

**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.**

Gracious God,  
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.  
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness  
to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.  
Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was  
near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered  
together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and  
gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for  
you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this  
all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for  
many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,  
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we  
bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your  
transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

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

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

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

*All are welcome to share in the bread and/or the wine. People are invited to sit while awaiting Communion*

### **Announcements:**

As Jesus calls us as disciples, God sends us out to serve others in the world. Let us share with one another the events of our parish and community this week.

### **Closing Prayers:** *Standing, let us return our thanks to God.*

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

Glory to God

**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:**

Go in the peace of Christ, to witness to his love in truth and action each day. And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, empowered by the Spirit, and embraced by the presence of Jesus the Christ.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine**

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine / Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze / Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow / Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word / Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me ..... [Chorus]

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me ..... [Chorus]

### **Dismissal:**

Go forth into a world of abundance. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**Parish Notices and Announcements-** *see insert sheet at  
back of church*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 2 Sam 11:26--12:13a; Ps 51:1-13; Eph 4:1-16; Jn 6:24-35

**Weekly Wisdom:** "The key to abundance is meeting limited circumstances with unlimited thoughts". Marianne Williamson