***SERVICE OF THE WORD***

***8th Sunday after Pentecost - July 31, 2022***

Rev’d Paul - presides and preaches.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Leader: **Good morning, and** **welcome to this service of worship on this 8th Sunday after Pentecost for 2022. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am interim priest-in-charge here at Holy Trinity North Saanich during this time of transition.**

**As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Saanich First Nation peoples, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations.**

**As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Holy Trinity North Saanich. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.**

**Come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses, and your fears, for God loves us all and all are welcome in this space. We invite you to come and join with us as we offer prayer and praise to our Creator.**

**Scripture Sentence of the Day**: Scripture shares with us, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**Greeting –**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And the love of God,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

Be with us all.

**Amen.**

**Act of Praise**:

Please join with me in the spirit of the words of the Collect for today:

**Collect of the Day**: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Our service continues with the Story of our Faith Proclaimed

We begin with the first reading.

**First Reading** A reading from Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
   and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
   the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
   and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
   I took them up in my arms;
   but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
   with bands of love.
I was to them like those
   who lift infants to their cheeks.
   I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
   and Assyria shall be their king,
   because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities,
   it consumes their oracle-priests,
   and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me.
   To the Most High they call,
   but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
   How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
   How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
   my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
   I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
   the Holy One in your midst,
   and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord,
   who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
   his children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
   and like doves from the land of Assyria;
   and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people

All: **Thanks be to God**

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1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **\* and his mercy endures for ever.**

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim **\* that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

3 He gathered them out of the lands; **\* from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; **\* they found no way to a city where they might dwell.**

5 They were hungry and thirsty; **\* their spirits languished within them.**

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, **\* and he delivered them from their distress.**

7 He put their feet on a straight path **\* to go to a city where they might dwell.**

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy **\* and the wonders he does for his children.**

9 For he satisfies the thirsty **\* and fills the hungry with good things.**

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, **\* and consider well the mercies of the Lord**

**Second Reading**

**A Reading from The Letter to the** Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel** Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

11The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon**: Rev. Paul

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

 **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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; and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

 **He will come again 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 for the People**

July 24, 2022

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Anna our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Amen**

**Confession and Absolution:**

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

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.**

May 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 and Saviour. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

**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.**

**Shared Ministry**

**Blessing**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, our Creator,

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

And may the blessing of the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever more. **Amen**

**Commissioning:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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