Christ Church, Rawdon

Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat people.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)
The Holy Eucharist for September 26, 2021

This service will be held in Christ Church on Sunday, at 10am, and, barring technical problems, live-streamed on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/789373873?pwd=cG94T3Z2MHOWTkRwZjVWRpL0kwZz09 and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pg/christschurchrawdon/posts/. You can also hear the audio by telephone at 438 809-7799 (when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 789 373 873). Evening Prayer (from the Laurentian Regional Ministry) is offered daily except for Sundays and holidays, 5pm, online at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88673295619 or by phone at 438 809-7799, meeting ID: 886 7329 5619.

Opening Music  Those in the church are asked to please stand, when the bell is rung, for the entrance of the altar party.

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

Response: And also with you.

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.

The Collect for the Week of Proper 26
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your 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.

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  Read by Marion Loffelmann

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.’ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, ‘Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,” to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.’ So the Lord said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.’ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’

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

Psalm 19:7-14  Refrain: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. R

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is a great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. R
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. R

Second Reading: James 5:13-20  
Read by Thelma Ranger

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
Response: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Sermon

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

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God; and for all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in positions of authority in the Church, especially for Mary, our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Within our diocese, we pray this week for the Archdeaconry of Bedford and the Richelieu, the Deanery of the South Shore, and for the clergy and parishioners of Trinity Church, St Bruno. In the wider Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church, and for the dioceses of Southwest Florida, Fond du Lac (USA), Fredericton (Canada), Free State (Southern Africa), Freetown (West Africa) and Gahini (Rwanda). We pray also today for the bishops, clergy and people of the Orthodox Churches, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Churches of St Seraphim and Notre Dame de Kazan, here in Rawdon. We give thanks for the Community of St Clare in the UK, the Little Sisters of St Clare in the USA, and the Order of St Helena in the USA. We pray for our partners in the Territory of the People (Central BC) and the Diocese of Masasi and our companions in the
Diocese of Jerusalem. We pray for our own Parish, for our Incumbent, Fr Michael J. Robson as he transitions to retirement, for Fr Nick Brotherwood, and his ministry here with us today, and all the members of this parish, especially, this week, for Frank and Nellie Dyball. We pray for those who are not part of any church family but are privately faithful and for those who are spiritually uncertain, that they may know Christ’s love and make him known in their lives. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all people in their daily life and work; especially for our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community, our country, and the world. We pray for those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the earth, and especially in our own country for Elizabeth, our Queen. Marv Simon, our Governor General and Justin Trudeau, our re-elected Prime Minister, for J. Michel Doyon, our Lieutenant Governor, and François Legault, our Premier; for Bruno Guilbault, our Mayor, for all elected as MPs in last week’s federal election, MNAs, and Councillors. We pray that they may govern wisely and for the good of all. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for Shea Kerin, Danny Fogarty, Glenn Cartwright, Viola Wilde, Muriel Fleming, Debbie Sweeney, Carolyn Maguire, Bob Ranger, Gilbert Gauthier, Pearl Rourke, Linda Birmingham, Lillis Tinkler, Ian, The Rev’d David Hart, Archdeacon Peter Hannen, Canon Lettie James, Shirley Tinkler Moore, James Fogarty, Ian Curtis, Graham Christopher and also for their families. We pray for all refugees, prisoners and captives and all who suffer from isolation. We pray for nurses, doctors and other medical workers and for all who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you, Lord, alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for Mabel Osborne, who was buried yesterday and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially this week, from our Book of Remembrance, for Pat Kyte and Gordon Scott. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Remembering Blessed Mary, St Michael and All Angels, Jerome, and all the Saints and Holy Men and Women of God, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord.

Officiant: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

(a short period of silent reflection follows)

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.

Priest: 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. Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you. Response: And also with you.

Offertory – musical interlude while the altar is prepared.

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer 1: It is indeed right that we should praise you ...to proclaim the glory of your name.

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. The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until “Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.”

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. At the end of the prayer, all say, 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.

The Breaking of the Bread
Priest: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “…whoever believes in me will never thirst.”
All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Communion – Please remain in your seats; the priest will bring the sacrament to you.

Prayer after Communion: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God!

Closing Music

This marks the end of the service. Those at the church are invited to have conversation outside while those on Zoom are invited to unmute their microphones (#6 on the phone) and join in conversation with one another.

We recently discovered that a small error in the email address meant that a person whom we thought had been receiving the weekly bulletins and other news from the parish has not in fact been getting them – for the past year and a half! If you have email but have not been receiving our weekly mailings and would like to do so, please send an email noting that to sharileigallagher@gmail.com.

Fence Painting Day: Volunteers needed to help, next Saturday, Oct. 2nd, from 9 am (help gratefully accepted at any time). Paint will be provided but if you have your own paint brush and/or a container to put paint that will be an assistance.

The Church’s Role in Creating Systemic Racism and What Can Be Done About It: an interactive, experiential workshop on Zoom, with Dr. Myrna Lashley. Friday, October 1st, 7-9 pm, and Saturday, October 2nd, 10-noon & 1-3 pm. This interactive, experiential workshop will provide participants with a foundational understanding of the influence of religious interpretations and practices on concepts of race, culture, class, ethnicity, immigration, sexual orientation and gender in the assessment and interventional decisions relative to place and space when interacting with populations representing these categories. From a systemic models perspective, participants will explore the role and influence of the “Church” on cultural and social issues and its intersections with other human identifiers, such as poverty, housing, genders, abilities, and their many intersections. The consciousness of ethnic identity will also be explored as well as the influence of church doctrines on social, governmental and non-governmental systems. The workshop will challenge Western - European ethnocentrism and question movements which suggest that “God is a white supremacist”. The effects of this suggestion, not only on an individual’s self-perception but on the perceptions and interactions of others relative to such individuals, will also be explored. To register, please go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HczOYszFmVnWrUBvFUCgLj8zXXHttgDQXpj2pIyuQ/edit.

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