



## Christ Church Rawdon

*Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat people*  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Cross, September 18, 2022**

A Reading from the book of Numbers 21:4b-9. The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98.

**Leader:** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

**Congregation:** With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

**L** The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**C** He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**L** Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**C** Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**L** With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**C** Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

**L** Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

**C** In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

**L** Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-24. The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [3:13-17] **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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