



ST NICHOLAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

September 25th, 2022
10:30am Sung service

Responding to God's love for us and all people,
the parish of St. Nick's seeks to know Christ
and make him known in worship, friendship and service
with our neighbourhood and in the world.

Everyone is welcome to join us in our common life
of faith, doubt, trust, challenge and love.

Welcome to St. Nick's!

Whether you're here virtually or in-person, for the first time or the hundredth time, it's a blessing to have you praying with us today. Our sidespeople are the friendly people at the back of the church who can help you with anything you need.

Everything you need for the service is in this leaflet. We hope you'll participate as you feel comfortable.

Washrooms

Our washrooms are downstairs, which you can get to by the staircase near the left-side chapel, or by the elevator, also in the chapel. For help with the elevator, speak to one of our sidespeople.

Accessibility

If you need extra space for a walker or wheelchair, our sidespeople will happily show you the accessibility pew near the front of the church. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, let one of the sidespeople know. Large-print copies of this leaflet are also available.

Children and Families

As we recover from COVID-19, our children's ministry isn't up and running yet, but young kids and their parents are free to roam the church! There are also activity bags at the back for older children – just ask a sidesperson.

Offertory

If you wish to make a monetary gift while you're here, you can place your offering on the plate at the back of the church on your way in or out. There are guest envelopes in the pews you can use. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. You can also make an electronic offering through Canada Helps, using this QR code.



Territorial Acknowledgment & Commitment to Reconciliation

We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the M̄tis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (Common Praise #5)
As you're able, you're invited to stand.

Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beam I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **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.**

All: *(sung)* Glory, in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day.
with the Spirit there united, and Godhead high exalted

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day:

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(A time of silence is kept.)*
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit
into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of God's Word

You may be seated during the readings.

Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Reader: A Reading from Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 91, read responsively

Reader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

People: **will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'**

Reader: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

People: **he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Reader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

People: **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Reader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

People: **When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,**

Reader: I will rescue them and honour them.

People: **With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

As you're able, stand and face the procession as it moves down the aisle.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Reader: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Homily Fr. Andrew

After an opening prayer, the preacher will invite you to be seated.

Confession of Faith

As you're able, you may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,
I believe in one God,

All: **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.

The Prayers of the People

As you're comfortable, you're welcome to stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.

At the end of each prayer, the leader will offer this invitation...

Leader: God, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution, and Sharing of Christ's Peace

Celebrant: 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 brief silence is kept. As you're comfortable, you're invited to kneel or sit.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **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.

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

As you're able, you may stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

You may turn to friend and neighbour, and share a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: *What Does the Lord Require* (Common Praise #171)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

All who gain wealth by trade, For whom the worker toils,
Thing not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

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

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

All: *(sung)* **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.**

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father in heaven,

All: **hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

The Communion



Everyone is welcome to receive communion.



You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.



We have GF-free wafers available on request.



Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Music during Communion

Choir: Still (Reuben Morgan)

Hide me now under Your wings.
Cover me within Your mighty hand.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar,
I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the flood;
I will be still and know You are God.

Rest my soul, in Christ alone.
Know His power in quietness and trust.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar,
I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the flood;
I will be still and know You are God.

Sending of God's People

Prayer after Communion

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel for these prayers.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Final Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (*Common Praise 649*)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You may be seated as the procession passes by you.

Thank you for praying with us today!

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Mabel and Cecil Hogan by Iris.

Assisting in today's service:

Readers:	Charlie Cutts and Bill Goodfellow
Intercessor:	Pauline Glasgow
Servers:	Aimee Delavigne, Bill Goodfellow & Wendy Barber
Chalice Bearer:	Bill Goodfellow
Livestreaming Tech:	Sharon Endugesick
Congregational Voice:	Suzanne Lethinen

Upholding in prayer this week....

The World:	For all suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest or disaster. The Anglican Church of Burundi
Canada:	Ruperts Land and their Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft Prayers for healing and reconciliation among all people
Diocesan Cycle:	Lay Ministry and the Education for Ministry Program
The Deanery:	The Parish of St. Saviour; the Rev. The Rev. Shelley McVea
Ministerial:	Clairlea Park Presbyterian
Parish Ministries:	The ministry of our Pastoral Care Team & Parish Nurse
Parish Families:	Janet Bambrick, Wendy & Bill Barber and Bob & Janet Baron
The Sick:	For all who are sick or in any need. For all who are dealing with the effects of COVID 19. For all those living with chronic problems, our housebound parishioners and their caregivers.

Sunday Prayer List

If you would like someone included in the prayers on Sunday mornings, you can either contact the office and ask for them to be added, or there is also a list at the back of the church to which you can add names. Because these are public prayers, we ask that you respect people's privacy and ask their permission first. Names submitted to the office will be included in the prayers for two weeks.

Daily Prayer Chain

If you or a family member or friend needs prayer for any reason, you can pass those names along to the church office. The names will be given to the members of the St. Nick's Prayer Chain, who will uphold those people in their daily prayers for 30 days.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12

Readings for next Sunday: 17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2022

Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:7-10



Donations of Glasses

Wow, what a wonderful response! Thank you to everyone who donated their useable glasses, sunglasses, and frames. St Nicholas Church made 43 donations to Give The Gift of Sight Program. Your donations will go to children who can't see well enough to learn, adults with poor vision in our community, and someone who lives thousands of miles away.

The donation basket will be left at the Manderley Road door and hopefully you will remember this charity in the future. Thanks again.

Thank you from Janet

Thank you to everyone who helped make yesterday's Market a success! An event such as this cannot happen without many people coming together to help, and as always, we can count on the folks of St Nicks to step up and do what is needed. Thank you, everyone.

Blessing of the Pets

Golden doodle? Docile doberman? Cantankerous kitty? Salamander? No matter what your furry, fluffy or reptilian pet is, come out next week, Sunday, October 2 at 2pm to the church lawn (or inside, if the weather is bad) for our blessing of the pets service.

Join the choir!

Come join our choir! We rehearse at 9:30AM on Sundays and after service from 11:30-12:30PM. No experience required and everyone is welcome. For more information, e-mail Edward at music@stnicholasbirchcliff.com.

If you see it, share it!

Spread the word of the exciting things coming up at St. Nick's! If you're on Facebook, make sure you 'like' our page (facebook.com/stnicksbirchcliff/), and if you see an event, click the "Share" button so all your friends see it.

Help spread the word about life at St. Nick's!

Upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer

Last week Fr. Andrew mentioned the exciting events that will be happening this fall, and that means there will be many opportunities to offer your support and gifts to the ministry we'll be building up at St. Nick's. Please pray about these events and dates, and let Fr. Andrew know if you'd like to help!

Blessing of Pets - Sun Oct 2, 2pm

Neighbourhood Halloween Party - Sat Oct 29 (time TBD)

Fr. Andrew's Celebration of New Ministry - Sun Nov 27, 4pm

Carolling in the Church Yard - Sun Dec 11, 4pm

Amazing Christmas Party (outreach event)- Sun Dec 18

Lay anointers training

Do you have a gift or passion for prayer? Perhaps God is calling you to consider a ministry of prayer and lay anointing. The annual Diocesan training session for lay anointers is on Saturday, October 29th, and we would be pleased to send anyone who is interested. Please speak to Fr. Andrew if you'd like to explore this important ministry in the life of our parish.



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