



ST NICHOLAS

ANGLICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

August 21, 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 M̐tis 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: *Nearer, my God, to Thee* (Common Praise 538)
As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song would be: "Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee!"**

**Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer my God, to thee,
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee!"**

**There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me, nearer my God, to thee,
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee!"**

**Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot, upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be "Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee!"**

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.**

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest,
All: *(sung)* and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day:

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(A time of silence is kept.)*
Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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 1:4-10

Reader: A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah
Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6, read responsively

Reader: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

People: **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Reader: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

People: **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

Reader: For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

People: **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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!**

Cantor: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

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 13:10-17

Reader: Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Homily The Rev. David Bousfield

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: In your mercy,

People: Lord, hear your 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: *For All Your Blessings* (Common Praise #440)
As you're able, you're invited to stand.

For all your blessings, Jesus we praise you,
Gracious in mercy, strong to console.
You to our need bring comfort and healing,
Love and forgiveness, making us whole.

Daily around us, pain and confusion
Crumble our feeble faith into dust.
Yet still we find your live in the darkness,
Changing our anxious thought into trust.

We carry with us, into your presence
Prisoners of sickness, sadness and fear;
Grant them to know your peace in their suffering
And now life flowing, for you are near.

Grant us, your servants, grace to work with you,
That in your loving task we may share
Mind's understanding, hands skilled for healing,
Hearts of compassion, joined in love's care.

Celebrant: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of 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.

All: **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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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.

Ministry of Anointing and Prayers for Healing

Anyone who wishes to receive prayers for healing in body, mind or spirit, and anointing with holy oil may go proceed to the side chapel immediately after receiving communion.

Music during Communion

Hymn: *Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort* (New Creation #117)

Sometimes a healing word is comfort: easing the grieved or anxious heart,
giving assurance of our caring, treasuring each and every part.

Come, break the silence!

Let us tell the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word remembers: calling up days of joy or pain,
letting the past renew the present, till hope can mend and move again.

Come, break the silence!

Let us tell the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word is angry: giving a name to discontent,
shining a light on sin or grievance, calling a people to repent.

Come, break the silence!

Let us tell the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word takes chances: going where no one yet has been,
facing the dangers of the desert, hoping for shelter at the inn.

Come, break the silence!

Let us tell the Word that makes us free and well.

Sometimes a healing word will listen: hearing the voiceless into speech,
letting the pattern of the story move us to learn what it can teach.

Come, break the silence!

Let us tell the word that makes us free and well.

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.

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake 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: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* (Common Praise #379)

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

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

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 to celebrate the lives of Hazel and Douglas Bullock by the Cutts family.

Assisting in today's service:

Reader: Janet Baron and Jill Cruse
Intercessor: Cheryle Pollock
Servers: Wendy Barber
Chalice Bearer: Katherine Ferrante
Livestreaming Tech: Julia Hanson
Congregational Voice: Suzanne Lehtinen

Upholding in prayer this week....

The World: For all suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest or disaster.
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Canada: Diocese of Ontario, Bishop Michael Oulton
Prayers for healing and reconciliation among all people

Diocesan Cycle: Christ Church, Bobcaygeon

The Deanery: The Parish of St. Luke's, East York; the Rev. Nico Montalbetti

Ministerial: St. Paul's United

Parish Ministries: The ministry of our Communications Team

Parish Families: Stacey & Dan Wagnell, Eleanor Watkinson, and Vivian Weinert

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: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14



Many thanks!

We're delighted to welcome the Rev. David Bousfield, honorary associate at St. James Cathedral, who is preaching and presiding at our services today. Welcome, David!

Fr. Andrew's absence

Fr. Andrew will be away for his summer break August 1st to 30th. His first day back in the office will be Wednesday, August 31st. He has arranged pastoral coverage with some nearby available clergy. If you should need to be put in touch with a priest, please contact the office, and Danielle will connect you with someone you can speak with.

What can YOU do for St. Nick's Market? September 24th rain date October 1st

ST. NICK'S MARKET

Saturday, Sept. 24
10 am - 1 pm

1512 Kingston Rd. on the lawn

Meat pies	Handmade crafts
Baked goods	Take-home lunch
Jams & preserves	And more!

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Here are some Ideas. Home baking, pies are popular, or muffins, cookies, squares, and tarts sell well too. Hand made crafts, with either a Christmas or fall theme. Knitting, jams, jellies, preserves, fudge, candy. What about putting together the dry ingredients with instructions on how to add liquid to make soup. Also, you could offer to help on the day. We'll need people to be at the tables selling the items, and people to set up the canopies like we had last year, we also need those canopies, so if you lent one last year, please consider doing so again. We'll also need people to make signs on the day, and some younger backs and legs to set up tables and run up and down the stairs doing a variety of little things that we haven't even thought of yet! There is lots to be done, so please, if you are able to help in any way, be in touch with Janet Baron at market@stnicholasbirchcliff.com



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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 11
at our 10:30 service



Bookbag? Laptop bag?
Briefcase? Rolly suitcase?
Kids and adults alike, join
us as we start the year
with a blessing!

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