

Sunday, October 10th, 2021

Harvest Thanksgiving

10:30 a.m.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, BIRCH CLIFF

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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 Métis 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.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – Noon

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You will notice the Bible is the only book in the pews. Everything you need for the service is printed in this bulletin.

We will not be singing hymns or any part of the service.

**The single washroom downstairs is available if needed.
Please use the Manderley stairs to access the washroom.**

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Music

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.

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: 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

Please remain standing.

Celebrant: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading: Joel 2: 21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 *please join in the verses in bold.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,*
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord had done great things for us,*
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears*
will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,*
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew .

Said Response: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

Said Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Apostles’ Creed

Celebrant: 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.

The Prayers of the People

In each petition, there will be a pause during which you are invited to add your prayers, either silently or aloud.

The response to each petition is

Leader: ...with grateful hearts

All: We thank you, Lord.

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.
AMEN

The Peace *Please exchange the Peace with words or a wave only. No hand shaking or touching at this time.*

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

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Music

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. We offer the bread and wine of the Eucharist. We also offer ourselves—our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure.

Please stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer # 3

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord' you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: (said) **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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your

The Breaking of the Bread # 2

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into
this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
Into your kingdom.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

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

Please follow the direction of the sidespeople when coming forward to receive communion. We will start at the back of the nave and move forward. At the bottom of the chancel steps, please use the hand sanitizer, continue up the steps and stop at the mark on the floor in front of the priest. After the words “The Body of Christ...”, are said, and with your mask still on, step forward to receive the host in your hands, move left to the next mark on the floor, remove your mask and consume the host. Replace your mask, sanitize your hands and follow the arrows to return to your seat.

Music During Communion

The Prayer after Communion

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology (taken from Ephesians 3:20-21)

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.

Blessing of Harvest Gifts

Priest: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, Holy God, for the fullness of life that you have given us in the resources of this world; yet as we enjoy the produce of the earth, we keep in our prayers also those for whom the burden of poverty overshadows the abundance of your creation.

Therefore, Heavenly Father, we offer this food and other necessities with grateful hearts, praising you for all that you have given us; and we pray you, gracious God, to bless these gifts that we offer to the women's shelter, and to surround with your care all those who will benefit from it.

And sustain us with your Spirit, we pray, that our gratefulness for your grace be known not only in word, but in our pursuit of peace and justice, and our generosity to those in need. This we pray in Christ's name.

Amen.

The Blessing and The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Music

The flowers at the altars are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the lives of Mabel and Cecil Hogan, by Iris.

Please wait for the direction of the sidespeople to leave you so we can avoid having too many people in the aisle at once.

Joel 2: 21-27 Joel is one of the ‘minor’ prophets of the Old Testament. He lived at a time when the land of Judah was inflicted by swarms of locusts and by an oppressive drought. In the verses we read today, Joel gives thanks for the end of the drought and the regeneration of the earth. He interprets this renewed prosperity as God’s blessing on the land and its people.

Psalm 126 Like the first reading, this psalm is also an expression of joy. As the psalmist recounts God’s saving work, he is prompted to outbursts of joy and laughter. The first half of the psalm (verses 1-3) looks back to the past, when the Lord restored the fortunes of his people. The second half of the psalm (verses 4-6) looks forward, praying to God for continued restoration.

1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Paul exhorts Timothy to give thanks to God and to pray for others, especially those in authority. This request was remarkable, considering that Nero, the notoriously cruel ruler, was the Roman emperor at the time. But Paul’s message was consistent with his Lord’s: “love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you”.

Matthew 6: 25-33 Jesus told his disciples to stop worrying about what they will eat, what they will drink or what they will wear. God will provide all that is needed. Jesus told them that instead of worrying about material things, they should seek the Kingdom of God and God’s righteousness. These are the things that are of true value.

Assisting with the service today:

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev’d Andrew MacDonald
Readers:	Joan-Mary Spencer, Pauline Glasgow
Intercessor:	Janet Baron
Sacristan:	Katherine Ferrante
Sidespeople:	Team 2