Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

10:00AM

The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. James 1:18





SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy enter.

Prelude Panis Angelicus C. Franck

Opening Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Blue Book 508

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider 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.

Presider Almighty God,

People 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 of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

> Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen. People

"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Today's Readers: Johnson Donkok, Marian Haggerty (Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Song of Solomon:

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Reader The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Peoble

45:1,2, 7-10 Psalm

Green Book p. 762, 763

(Please join in singing the Refrain.)



Ev-ery age will re-call your name. This song will fix it in their me - mo - ry.

A Reading from the Letter of James:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first

fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:17-27

The word of the Lord. Reader People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Blue Book 466

Holy Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Lord be with you. Reader Peoble And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Reader

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. People

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George Please be seated

The Nicene Creed Please stand

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy, People Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Presider

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.

Silence is kept.

Presider

Most merciful God,

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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.

Presider

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.

The Peace Please stand

Presider

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine

Blue Book 645

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ

our Lord.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all

things. You formed us in your own image: wonderfully you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Congregation to join in singing.)



Presider

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All:
Our Father in heaven,
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Communion Solo He Shall Feed His Flock (from 'Messiah')

G.F. Handel Kelsey Lenti, alto

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in

the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Doxology

Presider 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.

Post Communion Hymn O Thou Who Camest from Above

Blue Book 624

Blessing and Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude Fanfare J N Lemmens

Coffee Hour - Please join us for coffee and cold drinks in Cronyn Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist will resume on Wednesday, September 11.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. James, St. Marys; St. James, Stratford; St. Paul's, Stratford; St. Stephen's, Stratford.

Intercessions – Ann & Ellis, Clifford, Barb, Margaret, Mary, Carrol, Keith, Doreen & family, Jim, Marion, Jennifer, Gerry, Kim, Mike, Bill, Christina, Kathy, Art, Phillips & Mitchell families, Sophia.

Music at Midday Series resumes on Thursday, September 12th at 12:15pm. These free lunch hour concerts are presented in our Sanctuary, 30-40 minutes in length.

September 12: Norman Reintamm, organ; Aare Tammesalu, cello

September 19: Ian Sadler, organ

September 26: Kennedy Kimber-Johnson, organ

St. Paul's Cathedral Choir – A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join the Cathedral choir. Weekly Thursday evening rehearsals resume on September 5th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for the Sunday 10:00am Service. Please contact lan Sadler if you are interested in joining: sadlermusic57@gmail.com.

The ACW will be beginning the season by meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 12:15pm for Eucharist in St. Aidan's Chapel. Following this we will meet in the Assembly Room for a pot luck luncheon followed by a meeting to make plans for our upcoming year. Please plan on attending this event. For further information please contact Gayle at 519-471-1851. All ladies of the church are invited to be part of this fun group. See you then! Cheers, Gayle.

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider – The Venerable Sam Thomas

Preacher – The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

Gospeller and Intercessor – The Reverend Pat Henderson

Guest Organist – Dr. Wayne Carroll

Lay Administrants – Marsha Lemon, Hazil Malone

Greeters – Gord Rolleston, Joan Rolleston

Children's Ministry – Heather Clark

Wardens – Greg Childs, Hazil Malone

Live Stream / Sound Technician – Jade Vajna

Bell Ringer – Jean Willadsen







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Friday, September 20, 2024

St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond St., London





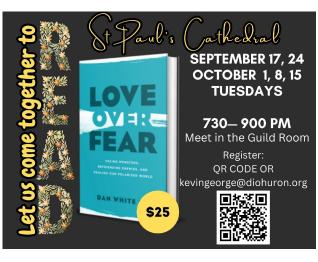
5:30 Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction 6:30 Dinner, Special Announcement 7:30 - 8:30 Entertainment

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Love Over Fear: Learning Together -

Whether it's the news, social media, or well-intentioned friends, we're told daily to fear "others." We fear strangers, neighbors, the other side of the aisle, even those who parent differently. And when we're confronted with something that scares us, our brain sees only two options: Attack or Avoid.

But either way, polarization intensifies. What if you could defy your own instincts and choose a third option-scandalous, disruptive, unthinkable LOVE? Sure, we

love people who are like us, who are easy to enjoy. Everyone does. But what about our enemies, the people we consider monsters? Loving them requires exceptional strength-strength only the Holy Spirit can provide.

Join us in discussing this book which calls us to do the difficult and healing way of love. These discussions will take place on Tuesdays from September 17 to October 15, in the Guild Room at St. Paul's. Books are \$25, please email kevingeorge@diohuron.org to register. About the author:

Dan White Jr co-planted Axiom, a faith community in Syracuse, NY with the compelling commitments of tight-knit community, locally-rooted presence, and life-forming discipleship. Dan is married to Tonya, dad to Daniel and Ari, and can be found enjoying conversations at Salt City Coffee.







The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

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Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral

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