



ST. STEPHEN'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH, MAPLE

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

Ephesians 2: 13-14



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Table_of_Peace_in_Auroville_Township.jpg

Peace Table for Asia -- George Nakashima, Hall of Peace, Auroville, India

The Holy Eucharist

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 @ 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Ian

Prelude

Welcome

St. Stephen's is a missional outpost of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. We share in Christ's mission to make the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God known in all creation; and to invite all into the household of God! Thank you for joining in worship today. Welcome!

Announcements

Bulletins and YouTube links, included in the Call to Worship are also available at ststephensmaple.ca.

Prayers of the People

Please send petitions to church@ststephensmaple.ca by noon on Thursday, with "Prayer Request" in the subject line.

Next Sunday: July 25, 2021. The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: 2 SAMUEL 11:1-15; PSALM 14; EPHESIANS 3:14-21; JOHN 6:1-21

Sharing the Word: YouTube and Facebook

Help publicize St. Stephen's by inviting subscribers on YouTube and friends or followers on Facebook.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks for Tieg, Nadra and Enid, who along with Aaron led our music ministry through the seasons of Lent, Resurrection and after Pentecost. We pray for them a season of rest and refreshment.

Sunday School Online

Families are invited to the York Simcoe Sunday School, on Zoom, every Sunday at 9:30am. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142029783?pwd=K2tuYnVnVVVzZUdtY3NoYSThdWg0Zz09>
Meeting ID: 821 4202 9783. Passcode: 339161

Summer Schedule

We hope to worship and record live at 10:00 am on Sundays in July, in the forest garden, weather permitting. All are welcome, please [register on line here](#)
Worship will be streamed later at 5pm in our usual slot.

Congregational Development

Listening circles and One on One conversations are in progress with Janet Marshall. Thank you to all who are joining in this important work.

Will you please stand.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit.

We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by a Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty¹, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes.

In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

¹[A Dish with One Spoon | The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)



The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus CP 619

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou the God head's human Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer,
fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Greeting

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: Let us pray,
Almighty God,

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 thy 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

Celebrant: Let us pray,
Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Will you please sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

2 SAMUEL 7: 1-14A

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89: 20-37

REFRAIN: I will keep my love for him forever.

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my name.

I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.' I will make him my firstborn and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my judgements;

If they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod and their iniquities with the lash;

But I will not take my love from him, nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant, nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: 'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me;

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky.'"

REFRAIN: I will keep my love for him forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

EPHESIANS 2: 11-22

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Will you please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about

that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Fr. Ian

Silent Reflection

Please stand.

A lone man refusing to do the Nazi salute, 1936



August Landmesser, the man who folded his arms.

[A lone man refusing to do the Nazi salute, 1936 - Rare His-](#)

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: 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.

Prayers of the People

Please remain standing or sit, is most prayerful for you.

Leader: Let us pray for the world: for the people of western Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands; for the people of South Africa, Cuba and Hong Kong; the people of Iraq, Iran, Palestine, and Israel; the Tigrayan, Ethiopian, Burmese, Rohingya, Uyghur and Syrian peoples; the peoples of Northern Nigeria; India Brazil, Guyana and Yemen; the peoples of the United States of America, Latin and South America; for creatures, extinct and at risk of extinction; for creatures impacted by floods and fires; for equitable access to vaccines, medicines, health care, clean food, air and water for all people.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for Canada, for our new Governor General designate; for our children who died in Church run Residential Schools, thousands of whom were buried in unmarked graves.

Silence

Let us pray for our neighbours in Kelowna whose neighbourhood was impacted by the collapse of a construction crane on Monday, and for Patrick and Eric Stemmer, Jared Zook, Cailen Vilness, and Brad Zawislak who died. Let us pray for the south Barrie neighbourhood destroyed by tornado on Thursday, for the injured, for first responders and others aiding in the recovery.

Silence

Let us pray for our Muslim siblings whose mosque was attacked in Cambridge, and for our Jewish siblings who were attacked in Toronto.

Silence

Let us pray for our two spirit and LGBT2Q+ sibling.

Silence

Let us pray for Canada's health care system and its workers still under pressure from huge surgery backlogs resulting from the pandemic.

Silence

Let us pray for our neighbours and other creatures suffering under the heat dome and wild fires affecting western Canada, north western Ontario and the north-west United States.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Linda, Primate of Canada, Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop, Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario, Andrew, Bishop of Toronto and the College of Bishops; for the Nottawasaga Deanery; The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca ; The congregations of the southern area of the Saskatchewan Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; for the clergy and people of: St. Jude, Bramalea North, St. Jude, Wexford, St. Luke, Creemore and St. Luke, East York, for their mission and various ministries including Toonie lunches, clothing exchange, Christmas hampers , Youth Shelters and Seniors' Residences, Cooking programs, Deacon's Cupboards, refugee sponsorship, and international outreach

Silence

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: for Jim Kirk, Ben, Heather, Robin, Helen, John, Brenda.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the 185 million people infected by the COVID-19 virus and for the 4 million people who have died.

Silence

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for truth telling, justice and reconciliation in the Church and in our country.

Leader: Creator, we long for wholeness in our church and country. For honest, open communications. To say what we need to say, in safety and without fear.

All: Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Leader: Creator, help us to stay close, to never let go of one another, in joy as well as in pain. To embrace, to feel the physical presence of one another, and to be truly present, one to another.

All: Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Leader: Creator, we need to feel connected to our families, and to the church family, to the Canadian family. To learn and to grow. To be part of a web of relationships. To pass on values, love and a sense of closeness. To be part of an inner circle of safety. To spiral out to an open circle that welcomes others in.

All: Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Leader: Creator, we long for a gentle time of warmth and wholeness. For time and energy to nourish relationships. For honest sharing out of genuine love for all our relations.

All: Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Leader: Creator, we long to dance. To move into the centre of the circle. To touch and grow together in community into completeness.

All: Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Leader: Holy God of Israel,
draw us near to you,
so that, in place of hostility, there may be peace;
in place of loneliness, compassion;
in place of aimlessness, direction; and
in place of sickness, healing;
through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us. **Amen**

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

Silence

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 strength you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Come Down O Love Divine (CP #645)

Come down O love divine
Seek thou this soul of mine
And visit it when thine own ardour glowing
O comforter draw near
Within my heart appear and kindle it thy holy flame bestowing

O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn dust and ashes
In its heat consuming and let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing
True lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part
And o'er its own short comings weeps with loathing

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long
Shall far out pass the power of human telling
For none can guess its grace till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Will you please stand.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female 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.

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: 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 has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: "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

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 your peace.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,
present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people,
who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join
with them to receive you in my heart, and in our
community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be
now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in
bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may
you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with
grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed,
may my hunger for you and for your reign of
justice and peace increase, that I may, with your
Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall
come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Will you please sit.

Communion Hymn : For the Fruit of All Creation CP #259

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God

Gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growing while we are sleeping

Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done

In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing

In the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done

For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us
Most of all, that the love has found us, thanks be to God.

Will you please stand.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: The Trees of the Field CP 662

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you

There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap
their hands

And the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will
clap their hands

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

While you go out with joy, you shall go.

Dismissal

Deacon: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

All: *Thanks be to God!*

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