



# ST. STEPHEN'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH, MAPLE

"But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **Mark 8:33**



"Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!"; James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY

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**Holy Communion**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Season of Creation**

**September 12, 2021 @ 10:00 am 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](http://ststephensmaple.ca) .

## **Prayers of the People**

Please send prayer requests to church@ststephensmaple.ca by noon on Wednesday; *prayer request* in the subject line.

**Next Sunday, September 19th, 2021, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Lessons: : Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37;**

## **Sharing the Word: YouTube and Facebook**

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

## **Farewell**

We give thanks for the ministry of Aaron Dumpala, Music Director, which has now concluded. Aaron continues his ministry at Grace, Markham and we pray God's eternal blessings on his journey.

## **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

## **Town Hall- September 29, 2021. 7:00 to 8:30pm**

Please save the date. Our next Town Hall will occur on September 28, 2021 7:00 to 8:30pm, via Zoom.

*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 Treaty<sup>1</sup>, 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.

<sup>1</sup>[A Dish with One Spoon | The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)



# The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King # 355.

All creatures worship God and King,  
lift up your voices let us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,  
pale silver moon gently gleams,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O sing now, alleluia!

Fair rising morn with praise rejoice;  
starts nightly shining, find a voice,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,  
God's glory let them also show:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,

and worship God in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia

### **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,  
you call your Church to witness  
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may turn to you;  
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**

**PROVERBS 1: 20 – 33**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## The Second Reading

## JAMES 3: 1 – 12

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Will you please stand.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## MARK 8: 27-38

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.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are

setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Deacon:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily:** Fr. Ian

*Silent Reflection*

*Please stand.*

## **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.**

## Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader: For Andrew our Bishop and the College of Bishops; for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

Leader: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

**in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left un-**

**done; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Gracious God,  
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.  
Grant our requests as may be best for us.  
This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

### **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.**

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn: Let Streams of Living Justice #575

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not  
end, for love that makes us lovers, God  
grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun; on your  
loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind  
church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colours with your sun.

Your cities built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbour: our home-land brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path un-tried;  
your truth-- the heart of stranger; your life the crucified.

## *Dismissal*

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

*All: Thanks be to God!*

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