



ST. STEPHEN'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH, MAPLE

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

Joel 2:26



Potluck; David Fichter, Cambridge, MA

Ante-Communion

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021 @ 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 your prayer request to church@ststephensmaple.ca for the in-person or pre-recorded services.

Next Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: JOB 38:1-7 (34-41); PSALM 104:1-9, 25, 37B; HEBREWS 5:1-10;
MARK 10:35-45

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 all who have given groceries, gift cards, and money to the Community Pantry @ St. Stephen's, Maple, for our Thanksgiving food drive. Gifts have come from members, neighbours and friends of the community near and far. A heartfelt Thank You!

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

Calendar:

October 17, 2021. Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion in person @ 10:00 am . Evening Prayer with Communion in person @ 5:00 pm. Ante Communion on line @ 5:00 pm.

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: For the Fruits of All Creation #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

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,
in our baptism you adopted us for your own.
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,
may worship you in sincerity and 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 **JOB 23:1-9, 16-17**

A Reading from the Book of JOB

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I

would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:1-15

REFRAIN: You were my God from my mother's womb.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them. They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. Amen

**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

HEBREWS 4:12-16

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

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Will you please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 10:17-31

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 HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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.**

Concluding Collect

Most glorious God,

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**

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: Now Thank we all Our God #399

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous hath done, in whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us

And nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills in this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
To Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven;
Our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!.

All: Thanks be to God!

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- Juice boxes
- Cereal
- Applesauce snack size
- Fruit cup snack size
- Granola bars
- Instant oatmeal
- Cake mix and such (just add water)
- Canned chicken or meat or fish
- Toiletries.