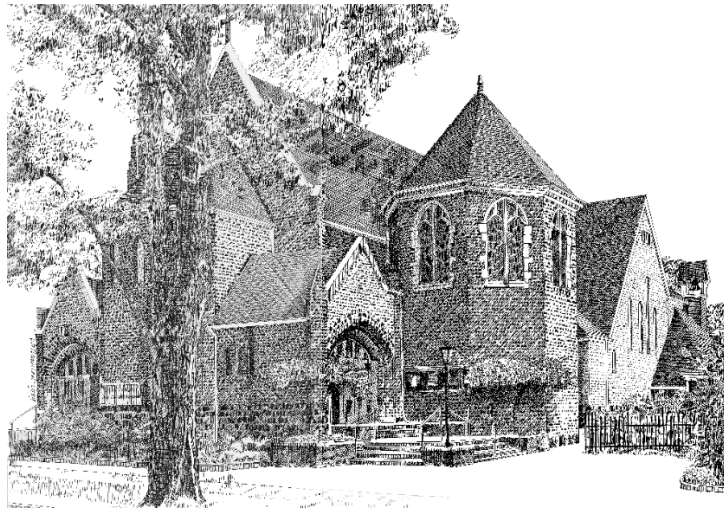




**Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday, October 10, 2021**

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

*Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Alf Hansen, Mae Hansen, Albert Maslen,
and Ila Maslen McArthur, grandparents of Wendy Hansen-McEachern;*

Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Jean and Stanley Somerville, by Maureen Somerville.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr Humphrey
Cantor: Mark Wood-Salomon
Reader: Sean Forsyth
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

MUSIC OF THE MASS – A Unison Communion, *Herbert Sumson*

PRELUDE: Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657, *J.S. Bach*

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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,
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

Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST READING: Joel 2.21-27

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel:

“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Fear not, you beasts 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. “Be glad, O sons of Zion, 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 latter rain, as before. “The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among 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 none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.”

The word of the Lord.
R / Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6.6-10

A reading from the first Epistle of Saint Paul to Timothy:

There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.

The word of the Lord.
R / Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6.25-33

V / The Lord be with you.

R / **And also with you.**

V / The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

R / **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus taught them, saying, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. 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 which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious 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 arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

The Gospel of Christ.

R / **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: **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.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the church and for the world.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our nation, province, and city. We give thanks this day for the bounty of the harvest and the fruits of the Earth, and we pray for wisdom and discernment to help us protect that which God has given so that future generations may prosper and share in the richness of this world.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all for whom our prayers are asked_____. We pray especially for all those who hunger, those without shelter, and those who are alone, may God comfort and provide for them and may our hearts turn with compassion to those who are in need.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially_____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for_____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, 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.

A Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

***People:* 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

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R / **And also with you.**

Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Cantor alone

OFFERTORY HYMN 307 – Come, ye thankful people, come

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| 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin:
God our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home! | 3 For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offences purge away;
Give angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore. |
| 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be. | 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home. |

S^T GEORGE
Sir G.J. Elvey, 1858

Dean Henry Alford, 1844

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

V / The Lord be with you.

R / **And also with you.**

V / Lift up your hearts.

R / **We lift them to the Lord.**

V / Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R / **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 with bread and wine to 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.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*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 Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

People: **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: **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

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

People: **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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantor sings:

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

**In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the God of mercy, who so freely bestows manifold gifts upon us, grant you a thankful heart to receive all the wonders of creation; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this holy day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantor alone sings:

CONCLUDING HYMN 305 – Now thank we all our God

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| 1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day. | 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Holy Ghost,
Supreme in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. |
| 2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next. | |