

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
Joyfully Proclaiming in Word and Action
the Hope that is Within Us

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather and in which this diocese serves, is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenasaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral) and Wendat peoples.

This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to be reconciled to the treatment of this land and to those who have been impacted.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name,
Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES
MORNING PRAYER

Prelude

Announcements

Officiant I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6.14*

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All Most merciful God, 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.

Officiant 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.

Officiant Lord, open our lips,
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.
**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 INVITATORY

Officiant God rules over all the earth: O come, let us worship.

Venite *Psalms 95.1–7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him
with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to
sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear and I was not
rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and
my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; did not hide my face from insult
and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; there-
fore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he
who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps
me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the
moth will eat them up. Isaiah 50:4-9a

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.
For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Epistle

Reader: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF 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.

JAMES 3:1-12

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 26 You are God

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all
Worship and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader 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."

MARK 8:27-38

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Rev. Paul

Hymn: See insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

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.

Intercessions & Thanksgivings

Litany #6

(As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy.")

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and
faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true
knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction
in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will
comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you for the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; especially today: Tom, Veronica & Heather; Kathleen; Grace; Michael; Bella; Pat; Jo; Elizabeth & family; Bob; Mary Jane; Jess; David; Mary & Rob.

We pray for those of our loved ones who have died - rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. For those who mourn, especially those families whose loss is recent.

We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week:
Nawra Abad; Bub & Lil Adams; Renee Anderson; David & Karen Anderson;
Anne Andrews; Martin Apps; Alan Arnold; Azad Avedsian; Trudy Avey.

Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity, as we worship you, saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 them that 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 Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

People Amen.

Postlude

Readings for September 19: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

If you would like to make a donation to the Window Restoration project in memory/thanksgiving, please email admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH-10 AM

We are pleased to confirm Back to Church Sunday, next week. Please note that at this time, services will be held at 10 am only. RSVP to the office at admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca. Covid-19 protocols will be in place.

PARKING FOR GRACE CHURCH

Additional parking has been arranged at Thorpe Bros Funeral Home on Sunday mornings. They are just down the street, next to First Baptist Church.

ALPHA PROGRAM-SMALL GROUP STUDY

We will be starting an Alpha Program on Monday, October 18th. Volunteers are needed to encourage discussion, prepare meals, to set up and clean up.

Contact Chris Levett at info@graceanglicanbrantford.ca

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

As one of our actions in Truth and Reconciliation, we are offering the opportunity to participate in the Mapping Exercise on October 14 from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M., facilitated by Greg Smith (PWRDF Huron) and Cheryl Marek (Diocese of Toronto). The workshops are limited to 25 Zoom screens, so please register as soon as possible by October 7th. You can access the registration link through our email blast or website (graceanglicanbrantford.ca)

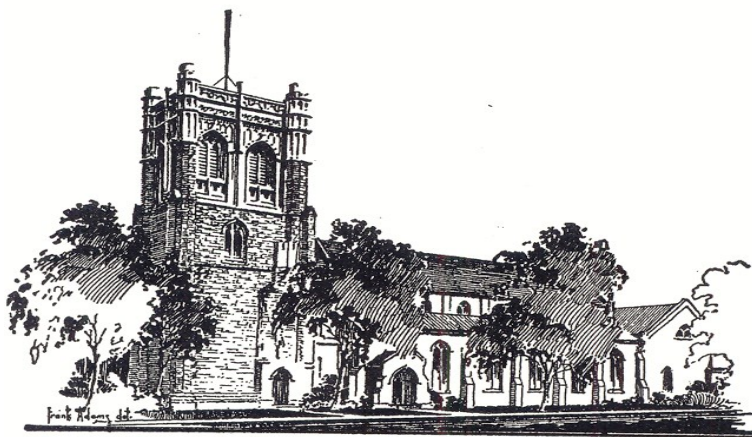
PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

We encourage you to make use of this convenient method of weekly or monthly givings. For your convenience, our new website allows you to complete the form online and submit directly to the diocese, who will credit Grace Anglican Church.

GRACE CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to all who continue to support our food drive;
your generosity is greatly appreciated!
The next Food Drive will be held next Saturday, the 25th of September.

*Welcome to historic Grace Church. Greetings in the name of Christ!
We are a fully accessible, child friendly community.*



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