



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

A gift of a new day,
Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

A new day with surprising miracles;
With love to be given,

Kindness to be shared
And peace to be enjoyed.

A gift of a new day,
God's gift to us.

Let us receive it with joy
and live it in expectation. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

vs. 1,2,4 ELW 580

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the
peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom,
and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Job 38: 1 - 7, 34 - 41

¹The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?
³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?
³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104: 1 - 9, 24, 35b

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are | very great!
You are clothed with majes- | ty and splendor.
²**You wrap yourself with light as | with a cloak
and stretch out the heavens | like a tent.**
³You lay the beams of your chambers in the wa- | ters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings | of the
wind.
⁴**You make the | winds your messengers
and flames of | fire your servants.**
⁵You set the earth upon | its foundations,
so that from now until forever it shall nev- | er be moved.
⁶**You covered it with the deep as | with a garment;
the waters stood a- | bove the mountains.**
⁷At your rebuke the | waters fled,
scattered by your | voice of thunder.
⁸**They went up into the mountains and descended down | to the
valleys,
to the place where | you assigned them.**

⁹You set the limits that they | should not pass;
never shall they return to cover the | earth again.

²⁴**How manifold are your | works, O Lord!**

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

^{35b}Bless the Lord, | O my soul.

Hal- | lelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Mark 10: 35 - 45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Light Dawns in a Weary World"

CREED

P: Together we affirm our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SHARING OF PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

ELW 620

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“To Be Your Presence”

ELW 546

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Be a blessing in the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Vashti Suknundun	Reader
Judy Marcuson	Prayers
Anne Bindernagel	Cantor
Additional Music	No Fixed Address House Band
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, Elga Smidt.

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Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Our ministries need your support. Place your offering on the plate when you enter or leave today. Or find details for other options at stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

COMMUNION

Keep 6 feet apart with your mask on. Receive the bread and then help yourself to an individual cup of wine. Remove your mask and have the wine and bread. Put the empty cup in the containers provided. Replace your mask.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given by Fae Spark to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lisa and Peter.



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	Zumba Gold @ 1:00 pm Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm Bible Study @ 7 pm
Wednesday	Chair Yoga @ 11 am, if weather permits
Thursday	50 + @ 12:00 pm

OUR VISION

*Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God,
neighbour and self.*

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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