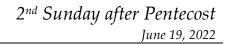
# ORDER FOR WORSHIP



This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

# GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### GATHERING SONG

"Let Us Enter In"

### GREETING

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**.

### KYRIE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

# WORD

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

FIRST READING Galatians 3: 23 - 29



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For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**.

### PSALM 22: 19 - 28

<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, be not | far away;

O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me | from the sword,

# my life from the power | of the dog.

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

# <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name | to my people;

- in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

- <sup>24</sup>For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- | den from them;
  - but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord. <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the Lord, who rules o- | ver the nations.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### GOSPEL

#### Luke 8: 26 - 39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"-29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39"Return to your

home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Cast Out, O Christ"

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#### CREED

P: Let us affirm our faith.

C: We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: God of grace, Response: **hear our prayer.** 

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### SHARING OF PEACE

#### PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** 

### **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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory. The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen. Amen and amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

### 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### LAMB OF GOD

#### COMMUNION SONG

"This is Christ's Body"

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** 

# SENDING

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

#### BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING SONG: BIBLE BUNCH

"Go In Peace"

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbour. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### POSTLUDE

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	1:00 pm Zumba
Tuesday	
Wednesday	10:00 am Cover Girls
Thursday	4:00 pm ACCT Program
	4:00 pm Good Food Market: 609 The East Mall
Friday	

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Anna Feller, Luke Fergin, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Polly Seefeldt, Emeris, George, Helen, and Lynette.

## OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

### **GOOD FOOD MARKET**

The market is returning for its 8<sup>th</sup> season at a new location - 609 The East Mall. Volunteers are needed for a 2-hour shift 3:30 – 5:30 OR 5:30 – 7:30 any Thursday. You can sign up by calling our Community Outreach Co-Ordinator, Shianne, @ 647.975.2017, the church office, or using the google doc: <u>Good Food Market Volunteer</u>. Or use sign-up sheet in the narthex.

# HOLIDAYS

Pastor Tuula will be away from June 6 - 29 inclusive. Please contact Rev. Nadine Nicholds for pastoral care at 647.403.5545.

Margaret Isaacs, Office Administrator, will be away June 20, 21, and 22.

# **OUR VISION**

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

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