



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### HOLY COMMUNION

**8:00 AM JULY 24, 2022**

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88901754420>  
Meeting ID: 889 0175 4420 Passcode: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799  
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*Celebrant* The Venerable Ralph Leavitt  
*Preacher* The Venerable Ralph Leavitt



*We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations. Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that with thou as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation remains seated to say the psalm.*

## Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your name \*  
and your word above all things.

- 4 **When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within  
me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you,  
O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your  
mouth.
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the  
Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for  
the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 **Though I walk in the midst of  
trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against  
the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for  
me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your  
hands.

SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus  
the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,  
rooted and built up in him and established  
in the faith, just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive  
through philosophy and empty deceit,  
according to human tradition, according to  
the elemental spirits of the universe, and  
not according to Christ. For in him the  
whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and  
you have come to fullness in him, who is  
the head of every ruler and authority.

In him also you were circumcised with a  
spiritual circumcision, by putting off the  
body of the flesh in the circumcision of  
Christ; when you were buried with him in  
baptism, you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God, who  
raised him from the dead. And when you  
were dead in trespasses and the  
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you  
alive together with him, when he forgave us  
all our trespasses, erasing the record that  
stood against us with its legal demands. He  
set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He  
disarmed the rulers and authorities and  
made a public example of them, triumphing  
over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you  
in matters of food and drink or of observing  
festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These  
are only a shadow of what is to come, but  
the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let  
anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-  
abasement and worship of angels, dwelling  
on visions, puffed up without cause by a  
human way of thinking, and not holding fast  
to the head, from whom the whole body,  
nourished and held together by its  
ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth  
that is from God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit  
is saying to the Churches.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **HOLY GOSPEL** St. Luke 11:1-13

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest* The holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.  
*All* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Priest* The Gospel of Christ.  
*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **THE CREED** (page 71)

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*A collection plate will be passed during the hymn. If you would prefer, you can send your donation by e-transfer to [accounting@montrealcathedral.ca](mailto:accounting@montrealcathedral.ca). Please indicate your name and address for donations over \$20 if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.*

## **THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION** (page 75)

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** (page 78)

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. You can receive both the bread and the wine, or choose only one of them. Dipping the wafer into the chalice is forbidden for epidemiological reasons.*

*Please come forward to receive the host, maintaining a safe distance from your neighbour. After receiving the host, remove your mask and consume it. You may then either keep your mask off to drink from the chalice or put your mask back on and return to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (page 85)