



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82758741476>

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*Celebrant
Preacher*

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*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

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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- 2 **Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 **He redeems your life from
the grave *
and crowns you with mercy
and loving-kindness;**
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like
an eagle's.
- 6 **The Lord executes
righteousness *
and judgement for all who are
oppressed.**
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children
of Israel.
- 8 **The Lord is full of compassion
and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great
kindness.**
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 **As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.**

13 As a father cares for his children, * so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord.

Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"

As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 leave your donation as you go out by debit or credit card on our tap and go system, or by e-transfer to 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)