



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

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

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*Celebrant
Preacher*

The Venerable Ralph Leavitt
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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, thou hast created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in thine image. Teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works and to serve thee with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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.**

The Congregation remains seated to pray the psalm.

PSALM 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 **Every day will I bless you *
and praise your name for ever
and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 **One generation shall praise your
works to another *
and shall declare your power.**

- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendour
of your majesty *
and all your marvellous works.
- 6 **They shall speak of the might of
your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance
of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous
deeds.
- 8 **The Lord is gracious and full of
compassion, *
slow to anger and of great
kindness.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
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All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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.**

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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)