



21st Sunday after Pentecost

18th October 2026



FAITH SALVATION WORKS

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and God's ownership of all things (Psalm 24:1). In God's sovereignty, God has allowed other groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now.

Cantor: Thank you for joining our Service today, as we celebrate the 21st Sunday in the season of Pentecost. We welcome those watching via livestream. I invite you to stand to sing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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Minister's Welcome

As we gather together to worship, let's remember the words of Psalm 100:
We will enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
We will give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

So with grateful hearts, let's enter God's presence and worship Him because He is good.

The Sentence

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.
(Matthew 22: 21)

Prayer of Approach

Assistant: Knowing the goodness of God and His generous love towards us, let us approach His throne of grace,

**Lord of the earth and everything in it, Creator of the land and sea:
cleanse our hands and purify our hearts, that we may stand in your presence and
worship you; keep us from idolatry, save us from making false promises,
that we may seek your face and receive your blessing:
for you are the Lord almighty, the king of glory –
we open the door of our hearts as you come among us. Amen.**

Minister:

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

The first reading is from the book of Exodus, chapter 33, verses 12 to 23.

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm for today is number 99.

¹The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

**²Great is the Lord in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.**

³Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.

**⁴The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

⁵Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.

**⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the Lord and he answered them.**

⁷He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

**⁸Lord our God, you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.**

⁹Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.

The second reading is from the 1st book to the Thessalonians, chapter 1 verses 1-10.

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

As grace first taught my heart to fear
so grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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Hearing the Gospel of our Lord

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 22 verses 15 - 33.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity

and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"

¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

²³That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question.

²⁴"Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. ²⁷Finally, the woman died. ²⁸Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"

²⁹Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

³⁰At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. ³¹But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ³²'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

³³When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon: Br Bill Nicolle will be speaking today

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the world and our community.

The intercessor on the roster will prepare prayers for:

A prayer for the world ... A prayer for all in authority ... A prayer for the church ...

A prayer for our community, and those on our prayer list ...

Let us pray together,

As we bring all our prayers before you, we ask that you go before us in all we do. Strengthen us with your kindness and help, so that everything we begin, continue, and complete may bring honour to your name. And in the end, by your mercy, bring us into everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray with me the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

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.

Confession

Assistant: Confident of God's goodness and his willingness to forgive us, let us bring the confession of sins before him.

Most merciful Father,

we admit that we can't do this on our own—we need your help.

We've strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We've followed too much the desires of our own hearts,

and failed you in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

We have left undone the good things we should have done.

Only you can save us.

Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and teach us how to forgive others.

Grow in us the fruit of your Spirit,

so that we can live the new life you've called us to—all for your glory.

We pray this in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen

Assistant: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, pardon you and set you free from all your sins. Strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things
is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness
of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph,
our best hopes confounding,
sheds forth his light,

Giving and Offerings The minister will pray over the offerings.

Thanksgiving and Communion

scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is
in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with
praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

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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 thanks and praise.**

Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care
for, so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty. *Lord our God,*

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus to live and work as one of
us, and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve
one another. *Lord our God,*

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and
from you. He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust. *Lord our God,*

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise
you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus
said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and
gave it to his disciples, and said:

‘Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

After supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said:

‘This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us.

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and
bringing your peace to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

Commitment to live out our worship of the Lord

Gracious God thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love and that we are living members of Christ's body.

Most loving God, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love for one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements: Please refer to the church newsletter for notices.

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love now and for ever more. **Amen.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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