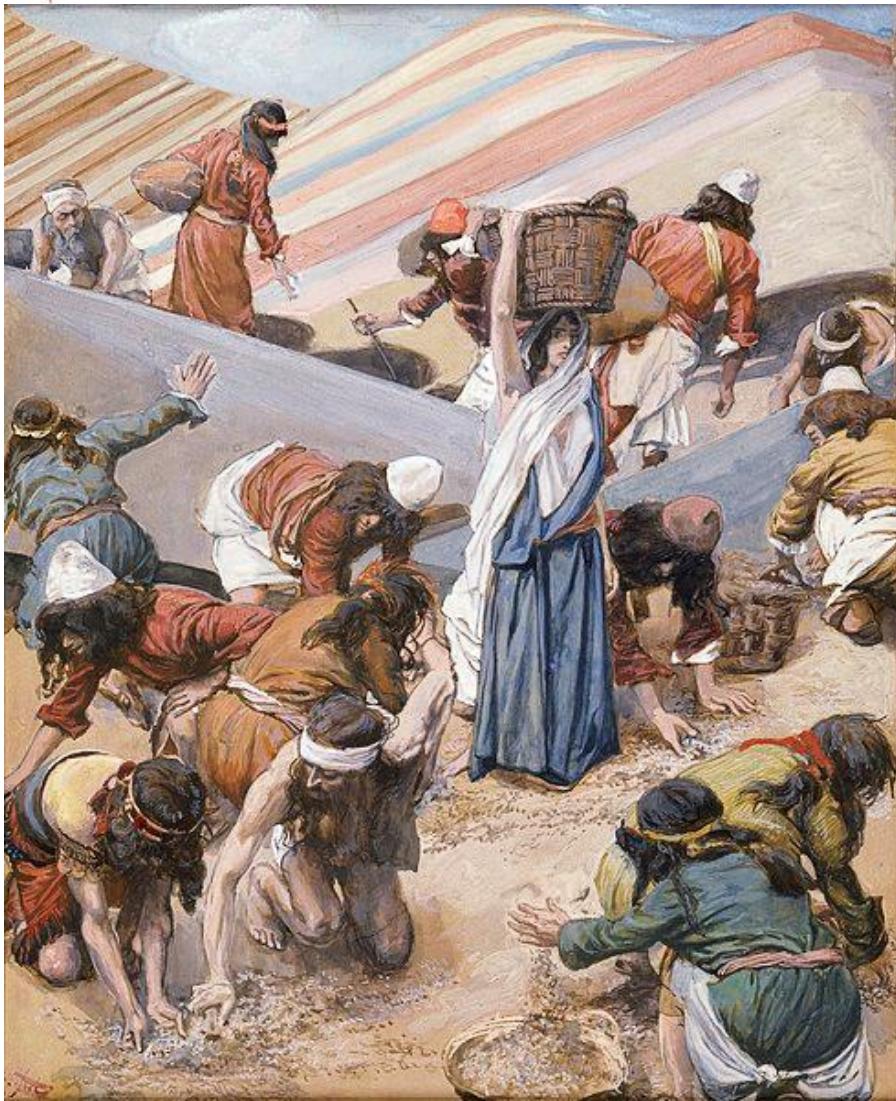




# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



*The Gathering of the Manna* by James Tissot, 1896-1902

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
September 20, 2020 10:00 AM

**Morning Prayer**  
September 20, 2020

**Prelude**

Mary Lee Voort

**Welcome and Announcements**

Br. Jason Carroll

**Children's Focus** Please see the link to the Children's Focus  
at <http://www.staug.org/worship-services>

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn #388 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" (v. 1, 2, 3)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which God gives them when they pray.

## **The Penitential Rite**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8- 9

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest says, (while standing)*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People: Amen.*

*(all stand)*

Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. People And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:

*Except in Lent, add,*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Invitatory

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **O, come, let us worship.**

**Venite**      *Psalm 95.1–7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;**  
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving**  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,**  
**and a great king above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,**  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his for he made it,**  
**and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,**  
**and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

<sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup> While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

**Psalm 145: 1-8**

Joanne Collier



Great is the Lord, high - ly to be praised, great be - yond our reach.

I will exalt you, O God my King,

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you

and praise your Name for ever and ever. R.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power. R.

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty  
and all your marvellous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will tell of your greatness. R.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness. R.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 1: 21-30

Karen Hudson

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, <sup>[a]</sup> striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

**Gradual Hymn: “I Give Thanks”**

You have shown me favour unending  
You have given your life for me  
And my heart knows of your goodness  
Your blood has covered me.

**Chorus 1:** I will arise and give thanks  
To you Lord my God  
And your name I will bless  
With my whole heart  
You have shown mercy  
You have shown mercy to me  
I give thanks to you Lord.

You have poured out your healing upon us  
You have set the captives free  
And we know it's not what we've done  
But by your hand alone.

**Chorus 2:** We will arise and give thanks  
To you Lord our God  
And your name we will bless  
With our whole hearts  
You have shown mercy  
You have shown mercy to us  
We give thanks to you Lord.

I give thanks to you Lord  
I give thanks to you Lord

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 20: 1-16

Tim Pope

*Reader*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*    And also with you.

*Reader*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People*    Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius<sup>[a]</sup> for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

<sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

<sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*    The Gospel of Christ.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

**Anthem: “Canon of Praise” by Hopson and Pachelbel;** sung by  
Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier and Keith Griffioen

*(all stand)*

### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings      *(all kneeling)*

Greg Young

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for All Saints, Medicine Hat, The Rev. Guy Snell and The Rev. Deacon Gloria Schirok. We also pray for St. Theodore, Taber and The Rev. Canon Erin Phillips. In our companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King and The Rev. Eleanor Glasgow.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: In our own parish we pray this day for those in ministries of mission and outreach: Soup Kitchen Volunteers, PWRDF Coordinator, Parish Hamper Volunteers, ECM.

### Collect

**Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** #259 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

**For the fruit of all creation,  
Thanks be to God;  
Gifts bestowed on every nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God’s will is done,  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God’s will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing.  
In the harvest we are sharing,  
God’s will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Dismissal**

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Mary Lee Voort**

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Douglas and Phyllis, Tom and Peggy, and Alan.

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