



# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



October 10, 2021 10:00 AM

## Harvest Thanksgiving

### The Holy Eucharist

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**Prelude**

Monica Baczuk, Joanne Collier and Mary Lee Voort

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

**Children's Focus**

Wendy Doherty

*(All Stand)*

**Opening Hymn: #262 "Come Thankful People, Come"**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!**

**All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;**

**God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:**

**Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;**

**Wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;**

**First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:**

**Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our god shall come, and shall take his harvest home;**

**From his field shall in that day all offences purge away;**

**Give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;**

**But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home!**

**Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,**

**There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:**

**Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Minister* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Minister* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Glory to God

*All*            **Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,  
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Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
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**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us,  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, of God the Father, Amen, Amen.**

*(All kneel)*

## The Collect of the Day

*Minister*    Let us pray

*All*            **Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us  
grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your  
bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to  
come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say:    The Word of the Lord.  
And the people shall respond:                                            Thanks be to God.*

**First Reading**        Joel 2:21-27

Ceri Penner

Do not be afraid, land of Judah;  
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not be afraid, you wild animals,  
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit;  
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

<sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the LORD your God,

for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm<sup>[a]</sup>—

my great army that I sent among you.

<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has worked wonders for you;  
never again will my people be shamed.

<sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the LORD your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Jay Penner

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

**Gradual Hymn: “God of Wonders”**

**Lord of all creation**

**of water earth and sky**

**the heavens are your Tabernacle.**

**Glory to the Lord on high.**

**Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are Holy, Holy  
The universe declares your Majesty  
and you are holy, holy  
lord of Heaven and Earth  
Lord of Heaven and Earth.**

**Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
when I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night. Chorus.**

**Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord. Chorus.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:25-33

Linda Bateman

*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.**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

*Reader* Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

**Anthem** “We Gather Together” by J. Walton

Trio by: Joanne Collier, Karen Hudson, and Keith Griffioen

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith as we say,

*All* **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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. With the father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.**

*(all kneeling)*

### **Prayers of the People**

Gary Moore

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the church of the Province of West Africa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our diocese we pray for St. John, Claresholm and the Rev. Tim Webster, The Rev. Deacon Chandra Gray and The Rev. Michael Ebsworth. We also pray for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Georgetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter, St. Luke, and Byera Chapel, on Grenada and The Rev. Junior Ballentyne.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those involved in Men's and Women's groups: Evening Group, Friendship Group, Men's Group and the Cursillo Community.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept. The celebrant and the 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you**

**Offertory 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 harvests 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.**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*(All Stand)*

**Prayer over the Gifts**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

*All* **Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us  
dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which  
we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*(Please remain standing)*

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*All* **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new

covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(all kneeling)*

*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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

*All* **So may your church be gathered from the ends  
of the earth into your kingdom.**

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

*Celebrant* Those joining from home may say the following prayer.

*All* **Gracious God, I repent of my sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the cross for me, and that he shed his blood for my redemption. I earnestly remember the benefits I have because of his death and give him my heartfelt thanks. I eat and drink the body and blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to my soul's health, although I do not receive the sacrament with my mouth.**

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer p584*

*The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.*

*The body of Christ (given for you).*

*The blood of Christ (shed for you).*

### **Communion Music**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. (All kneeling)

*All* **God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(all stand)*

*Celebrant* Glory to God

*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #399 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother’s arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Postlude**

Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Liz, past Sanctuary Guild members,  
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