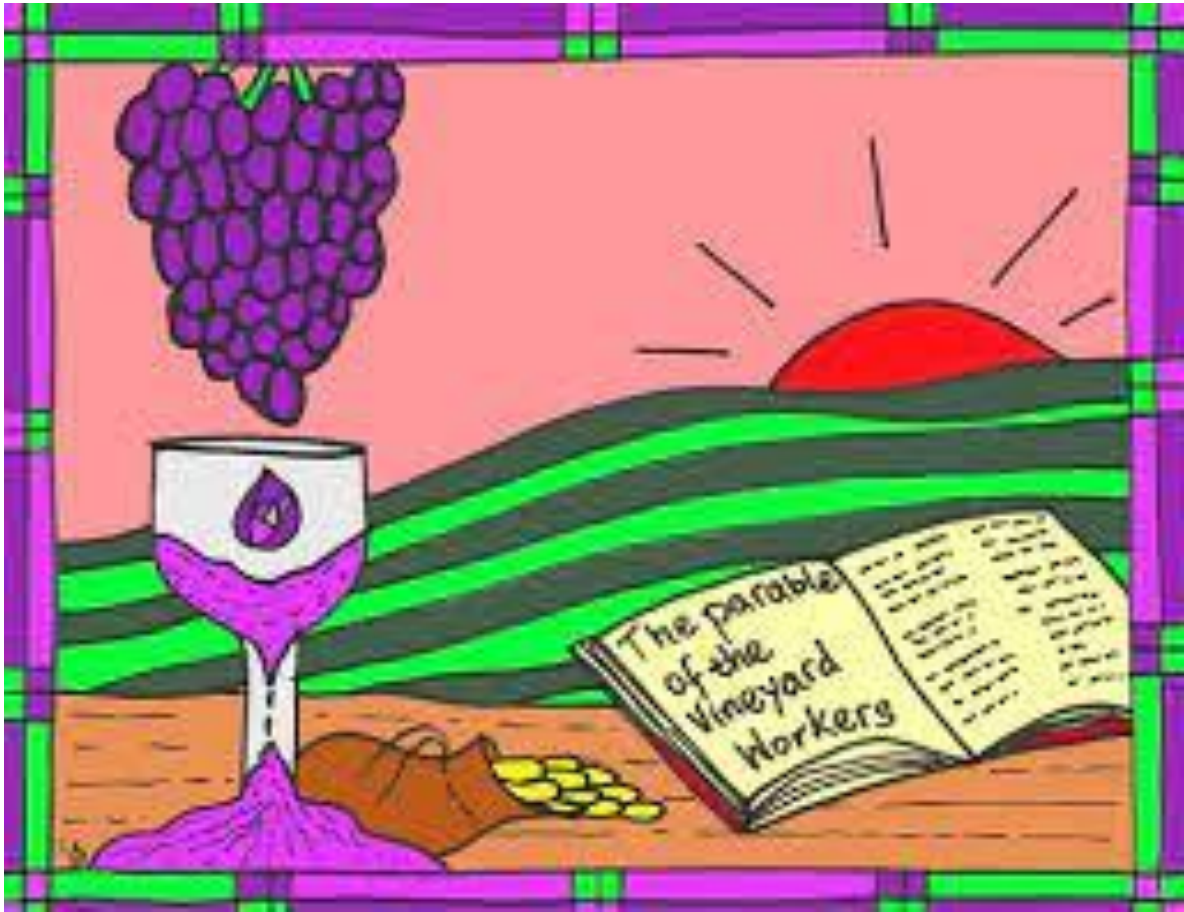


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**The Gathering of the Community**

*Celebrant:* Segó everybody

**All: Segó**

*Celebrant:* We gather today on the traditional and unceded land of the Algonquin, Beothuk, and Mohawk people.

**All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, open our lips

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Celebrant:* O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

**The Invitatory**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth, O come, let us worship.

**Venite** – (Sung)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNj-NgZ4gho>

O Come, let us sing unto the LORD; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Repeat **The Invitatory**)

Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth, O come, let us worship.

**Opening Hymn** #310 - *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (Verses 1, 2)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEGQnIHHC\\_k&t=79s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEGQnIHHC_k&t=79s)

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of pow'r, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul He fills,  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills;  
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath  
made,  
His gracious mercy keepeth,  
By morning glow or evening shade  
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of His might,  
Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,  
But, thru all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay,  
Our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud his praises,  
That men may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!  
Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading:** Exodus 16: 2-15

(Vic Wootton)

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Exodus

In the desert the whole community told Moses and Aaron they weren't happy with them. The Israelites said to them, "We wish the LORD had put us to death in Egypt. There we sat around pots of meat. We ate all the food we wanted. But you have brought us out into this desert. You must want this entire community to die of hunger."

Then the LORD spoke to Moses. He said, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people must go out each day. Have them gather enough bread for that day. Here is how I will test them. I will see if they will follow my directions. On the sixth day they must prepare what they bring in. On that day they must gather twice as much as on the other days."

So, Moses and Aaron spoke to all the people of Israel. They said, "In the evening you will know that the LORD brought you out of Egypt. And in the morning, you will see the glory of the LORD. He has heard you say you aren't happy with him. Who are we? Why are you telling us you aren't happy with us?" Moses also said,

“You will know that the LORD has heard you speak against him. He will give you meat to eat in the evening. He’ll give you all the bread you want in the morning. But who are we? You aren’t speaking against us. You are speaking against the LORD.”

Then Moses told Aaron, “Talk to the whole community of Israel. Say to them, ‘Come to the LORD. He has heard you speak against him.’”

While Aaron was talking to the whole community of Israel, they looked toward the desert. There was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud!

The LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the people of Israel talking about how unhappy they are. Tell them, ‘When the sun goes down, you will eat meat. In the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

That evening quail came and covered the camp. In the morning the ground around the camp was covered with dew. When the dew was gone, thin flakes appeared on the desert floor. They looked like frost on the ground. The people of Israel saw the flakes. They asked each other, “What’s that?” They didn’t know what it was.

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

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold;  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going,  
because they were afraid of them.  
He spread out a cloud for a covering  
and a fire to give light in the night season.  
They asked, and quails appeared,  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.  
He opened the rock, and water flowed,  
so the river ran in the dry places.  
For God remembered his holy word  
and Abraham his servant.  
So, he led forth his people with gladness,  
his chosen with shouts of joy.  
He gave his people the lands of the nations,  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
That they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1: 21-30

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

For me, life finds all its meaning in Christ. Death also has its benefits. Suppose I go on living in my body. Then I will be able to carry on my work. It will bear a lot of fruit. But what should I choose? I don't know! I can't decide between the two. I long to leave this world and be with Christ. That is better by far. But it is more important for you that I stay alive. I'm sure of this. So, I know I will remain with you. And I will continue with all of you to help you grow in your faith. I will also continue to help you be joyful in what you have been taught. I'm sure I will be with you again. Then you will be able to boast in Christ Jesus even more because of me.

No matter what happens, live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Then I will know that you remain strong together in the one Spirit. I will know this if I come and see you or only hear about you. I will know that you work together as one person. I will know that you work to spread the teachings about the good news. So don't be afraid in any way of those who oppose you. This will show them that they will be destroyed and that you will be saved. That's what God will do. Here is what he has given you to do for Christ. You must not only believe in him. You must also suffer for him. You are going through the same struggle you saw me go through. As you have heard, I am still struggling.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** – *Together We Serve*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhBQugzOz3c>

1 Together we serve,  
united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious  
feast.

We work and we pray  
through sorrow and joy,  
extending God's love to the last and the  
least.

2 We seek to become  
a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the  
feet.

We learn, year by year,  
to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we  
meet.

3 We welcome the scarred,  
the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need  
care.

We offer a home  
to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts  
ready to dare.

4 Together, by grace,  
we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow  
strong.

Together we serve  
in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our  
song.

**The Holy Gospel** Matthew 20: 1-16

*(Vic Wootton)*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who owned land. He went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to give them the usual pay for a day's work. Then he sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine o'clock in the morning he went out again. He saw others standing in the market doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard. I'll pay you what is right.’ So, they went.

“He went out again about noon and at three o'clock and did the same thing. About five o'clock he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

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

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard spoke to the person who was in charge of the workers. He said, ‘Call the workers and give them their pay. Begin with the last ones I hired. Then go on to the first ones.’

“The workers who were hired about five o’clock came. Each received the usual day’s pay. So, when those who were hired first came, they expected to receive more. But each of them also received the usual day’s pay. When they received it, they began to complain about the owner. ‘These people who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said. ‘You have paid them the same as us. We have done most of the work and have been in the hot sun all day.’

“The owner answered one of them. ‘Friend,’ he said, ‘I’m being fair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for the usual day’s pay? Take your money and go. I want to give the one I hired last the same pay I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Do you feel cheated because I gave so freely to the others?’

“So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

*Reader: The Gospel of Christ*

**All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Reflection**

*(Julie White)*

*May these words of my mouth and the meditation of all our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer” Amen.*

### **Hear, O Israel**

*Celebrant: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.*

### **Prayers of the People**

Litany #5 page 114

*(Glenn Clark)*

*Leader: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer”*

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles III, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader: We pray for The Church of Ireland*

**We pray for** *Shane*, our Bishop; *Anne*, our Metropolitan; and *Linda*, our Primate.

**We pray for** staff at Ascension House

**We pray for** St. Matthew's, Ottawa, and *Reverend Geoff Chapman*

**We pray for** the chaplain to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah*

**In our community, we pray for** *Nyla, Dhru, and Patrick Staulus, Chris and Mary Collin, Diane Manryk, Georges De Roy, Joyce Clark, Phyllis Harris, Barbara Harvey-Harris, Denyse, Talia Wootton, Jean Nidy, Debbie and Peter Schryburt, Lianne Stevens, Caide Murray, Mike Bula, Richard Racine, Marilyn, Rob and Kim Green, Melody, Brenda Houle, Chad Houle, Vera Guy, Penelope Foster, Corneille Nibaruta, Larry, Rod Lethbridge, Gail Heron, Sharron Lethbridge, Marilyn Donnelly, Don Peace, Mark Schwartz, Bonnie Lynn Perry, Amber Wiseman, Heather Buckle, Grace Earle* and for those who are known to you alone. Are there others?

In our parish prayer cycle, we pray for ***Samuel Peter***

In our neighbourhood, we pray for ***the residents, staff, guests, and visitors of the Ottawa Rotary Home and Bridlewood Retirement Residence.***



In our parish memorial cycle, we remember *Beth & Eddie Kelly*.

**Amen.**

### Collect

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**Offertory Hymn:** #606 - *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilFTdf9Pogw>

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's  
sorrows

Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such gracious judgment given.

3 There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;

There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts! why will you wander  
From a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant:* God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Preface of the Lord's **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* As Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

**All:** 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.**

## Announcements

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**Next White Gifts Sunday** will be Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can drop your donations in the bins inside the church entrance any time.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Zoom access will be offered. **Note:** there will be no parish council meeting in September.

**The Annual Spaghetti Supper** will be held on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors Centre next door. Our entertainment will be a murder mystery written Brenda Houle. Please let Brenda know if you would like to be one of the participants. More information to follow.

**Next Bridlewood Service** is planned for the third Wednesday of each month starting in October.

**Thanksgiving Flowers** – We are now accepting donations for Thanksgiving flowers in memory of loved ones. Please speak to Glenn.

**Closing Hymn:** #585 - *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILelkl7qeuM>

1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift which You impart.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.

As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By Your Spirit send Your power  
To our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show.

Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know, and live.

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvdzPUoEj9g>

When you walk from here  
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Walk with justice  
Walk with mercy  
And with God's humble care

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**Next Service:** Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### **Thought of the Week**

*"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."*

*Matthew 20: 21*