

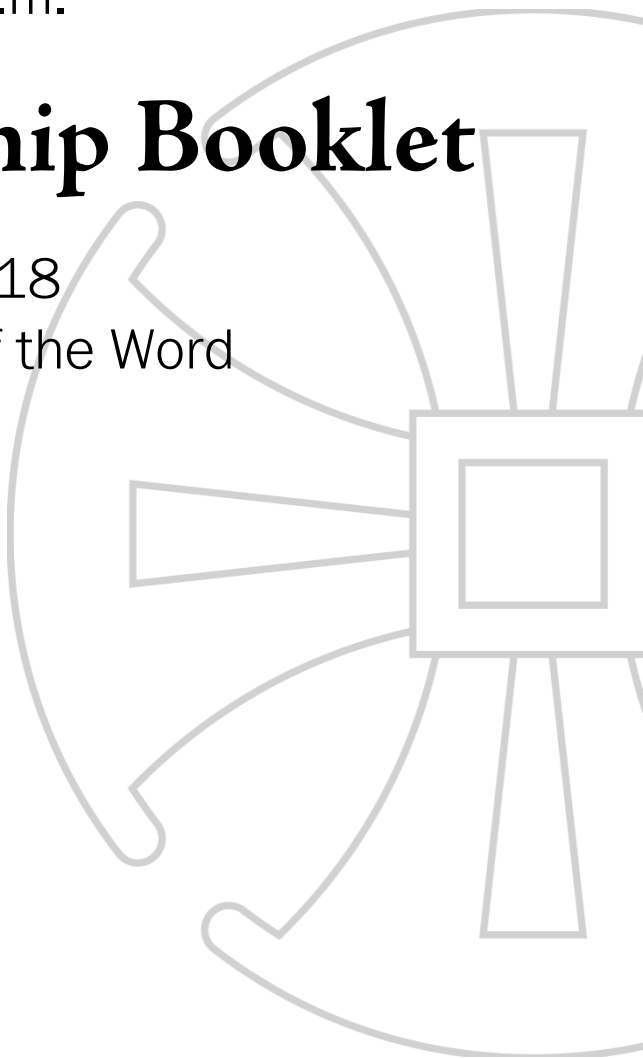
Sunday, September 26, 2021

At 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

Pentecost 18

A Liturgy of the Word



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Land Acknowledgement

Ascension gathers on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

Opening | You Are Salt for the Earth

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grown in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

Opening Prayers and Penitential Rite

God is with us

O come, let us worship!

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean. I live in the City of Ottawa which is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. *On whose territory do you live?*

Silence

Let us pray,

Loving God,

help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking justice and peace. Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing to you with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; so that we might follow Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confident in God's loving kindness, let us call to mind our sins, and those of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

Silence

**Holy One,
we have taken your gifts for granted and treated your creation as if it belonged to us alone. Heal us from our selfishness and show us the way to wholeness for the whole world, in this day and for generations to come.**

God brings new life for all. You are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ to bring God's healing to the world. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
Peace to people of good will.

Repeat

Collect

O God,
who draws near to us
and whose nature is revealed in lordship
laid aside: give us grace to welcome you
in the child and in the outcast;
in the name of Jesus Christ, who humbled
himself so that we might know eternal life.
Amen.

First Reading: James 5:13-20

A Reading from ...

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and

the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

if the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

then would they have swallowed us up
alive

in their fierce anger toward us;

then would the waters have overwhelmed
us

and the torrent gone over us;

then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord

**who has not given us over to be a prey for
their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare
of the fowler;

**the snare is broken, and we have
escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Repeat

The Gospel | Mark 9:38-50

God is here

The Spirit is with us

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water

to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries know or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us affirm our faith:

**We believe and trust
in God, the Source of all being,
who spoke all creation into being.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust In God the Holy Spirit
who breathes life into the people of God.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Mother, 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 for ever.**

Amen.

Closing Prayers

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. As we go forth this day, renewed by your word and strengthened by your people, open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God

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

Receive God's blessing that you might be
God's blessing: in the name of the Holy
Trinity who creates, redeems, and sustains
us. **Amen.**

Closing | Trees in the Field

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills
will break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy
and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their
hands.

The trees of the field will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

Repeat!

Dismissal

Go in the name of Christ to treasure and to tend God's beloved world.

Thanks be to God!

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