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**RECONCILIATION EUCHARIST FOR THE COMMUNITY OF  
THE CROSS OF NAILS' SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023**

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”**

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Celebrant: Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Colin Langille

### **Celebrant: Welcome**

Opening Hymn: #397 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – {Tune: Nettleton}

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ: **he has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation.**

When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new creation: **everything old has passed away; see everything has become new.**

We are ambassadors for Christ: **we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

{Cf 2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 20}

### **Collect of the day:**

**Let us pray for the reconciling love and power of God. Silence is kept before the president says, Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that your kingdom may go forward in justice and peace, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** **Holly Dawson**

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Exodus, Chapter 16, verses 2-15

Listen now for the word of God.....

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of

the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

*[Silence followed by]*

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

***The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 114 verses 1-8 found on Page 862 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.***

*This morning's second reading is taken from Philippians, Chapter 1 verses 21-30. Listen now to the Word of God.*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*[Silence followed by]*

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us..... **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Gradual Hymn: #500 – Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant – {Tune: Servant Song}

Rev. Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, in the 20th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. [Matthew 20:1-16]

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So, they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Rev. Andy O'Donnell

**The Creed of Reconciliation**

Let us affirm our faith in the reconciling love of God.

**We believe in God the Father who creates humanity in the image of God, leads us with bands of love, calls us home, and runs to meet us, even when we are still far off.**

**We believe in God the Son in whom humanity and divinity are perfectly reconciled; in whom all things hold together; who lived on the edges to gather the outcasts in and throws open the doors of the wedding feast to people from every tribe and language and people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the life of God within us, who shows us the world's brokenness, articulates our longing for its peace, equips us for its transformation, and grows in us the peace that makes this service possible.**

**We believe in the coming of the kingdom of God, where every tear will be wiped away, every wound healed; where diversity will be recognised as beautiful and difference an expression of the Infinite; where every wrong will be met with justice and with grace; where everyone will be at home with one another, and face-to-face with God. Amen.**

### **Litany of Reconciliation Claude Dubois**

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, **Father, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, **Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth, **Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, **Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children, **Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, **Father, forgive.**

Almighty God, you have committed to us the ministry of reconciliation of your Son, Jesus Christ; give us the confidence in your power to forgive, as your Son forgave us from the Cross. Enable us to be witnesses of your forgiveness at work and where we live. Unite us in a sacred fellowship to heal the hostilities we see, and give us the grace to love one another, rejoicing in this life together. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution: page 191**

**The Peace:**

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**He breaks down the walls that divide us:  
praise to Christ who is our peace.**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: #576 – For the Healing of Nations – {Tune: Westminster Abbey}

**Prayer over the gifts:**

**As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Living God, Father of light, hope of nations, friend of sinners, your love is made visible in Jesus Christ.

You bring home the lost, restore the sinner and give dignity to the despised. In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity. With people from every race and nation, with the Church of all the ages, with apostles, evangelists and martyrs we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until He comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world. Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer, Page 211**

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

**Almighty God, Father of us all, you call us to make peace and to love and serve our neighbour. May our Cathedral, ruined and rebuilt, be a sign to all peoples of the healing of old wounds. Help us to build a kinder, more just world where those of many races may live together in peace, and all the human family be one; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Birthdays this week:  
Maureen Poirier – Sept. 22nd  
Thomas O'Donnell – Sept. 26th**

**Rev. Andy O'Donnell – Sept. 29th**

**"Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,  
May God's many blessings  
Keep falling on you."**

Closing Hymn: #572 – Let There Be Light – {Tune: Concord}

Dismissal

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Betty & Dorothy.

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