



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together as
the people of God.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRAYER

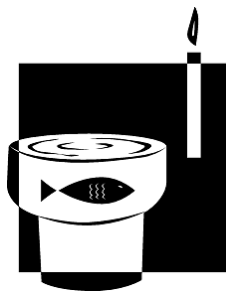
PRELUDE

Sanctuary (J. Thompson and R. Scruggs, arr. By P.S. Cota)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Today in the beauty of nature, we give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring; you are the fire of rebirth.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honour to you for clouds and rain, for dew and snow.
Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection.
Praise to you for your saving waters:
Noah and the animals survived the flood,
The Israelites escaped through the sea
and the Samaritan woman would never be thirsty again.
Breathe your Spirit into us as we begin our worship around this
baptismal font today.



Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.
Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
Amen.

WORD

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

A dramatic telling of today's Gospel.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

SERMON

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LIVING THE VISION

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*God blesses us and
sends us in
mission to the
world.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *ELW 593*



Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Joyful Noise Quartet	Prelude
The Phannenhour Family	Dramatic Gospel Reading
Bev and Bob Binhammer	Prayers of the People
Mark and Jack Luciani	The Lord's Prayer
Pauline Ivan	Faith Stories
Andrea Holt	Sending
Lauren Voorpostel	Postlude
Dave Piller and Sarah Pascoe	Additional Music

In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

Ways to be Involved:

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- *Participate in the Virtual Worship:* play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the *Virtual Coffee Hour* @ 11am every Sunday.
- Tuesday @ 7pm connect in a *Bible Study* via Zoom.
- The *Good Food Market* is happening on Thursdays. Shifts available for volunteers: 3:30 - 5:30 pm or 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Virtual Worship is Reaching Many!

Welcome to our virtual congregation! We welcome all to worship with us wherever you are: in a city, at the lake, in Canada, USA, Europe or Japan. The church is always open!