



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" arr. by Gail Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The Lost Sheep", Author Karen Williamson, Illustrator Sarah Conner

WORD

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33 – 46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let

us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Loves Me!"

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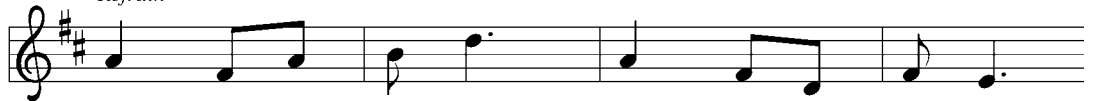


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SHARING of the PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory

*"The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)", by John Bell and
Graham Maule*

LORD'S PRAYER

LIVING the VISION

Making Masks

SENDING

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

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"The Church's One Foundation", arranged by Cindy Berry





ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Dianne Morningstar	Children's Message
Emma McCutcheon	Reader
Sarah Pascoe	Prayers of the People
Lauren Voorpostel	Offertory
The Daly Family	The Lord's Prayer
Cover Girls	Living the Vision

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.

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:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- 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. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- The Neighbourhood Table @ Home is happening on Thursdays from 5 - 7 pm.

Thanksgiving

Show us what you are thankful for. We're asking **everyone** to send a picture of you and/or your family holding a sign(s) to show us something(s) you are thankful for. These pictures will be used in Thanksgiving worship next week. We'll see each other in the service even though we can't be together physically. If you are worshipping with us virtually – we want to see you! Send your picture(s) to stphilonline@gmail.com And Thank You!

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/.