



THE CATHEDRAL
OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

816 Spadina Cres E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3H4

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th, 2026
Season of Creation

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Treaty Acknowledgement and Announcements Heather Punshon

Opening Sentence:

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

Processional Hymn: CP #2 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Greeting: BAS p. 185

Gloria: Text BAS p.186, Music CP #686

Collect of the Day: BAS p. 381

Children's Time

Blessing Song:

God bless and keep you (both hands raised in blessing)

God shine upon you (hands circling like a sunrise)

God's gracious presence (hands folded in prayer)

Abide with you in peace (one hand raised in blessing) Repeat

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-15

Nancy Sindani

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 toward 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45 BAS 845-846, 848



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Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-30

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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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: CP# 360

"Bless The Lord"

The Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Sermon

Laura Marie Piotrowicz

Nicene Creed: BAS p.188-189

Prayers of the People

We respond to "With grateful hearts" with

"We thank you, God of Creation"

Confession and Absolution: BAS p. 191

The Peace: BAS p. 192

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP #410

"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

Throughout the Season of Creation, the Sunday School has been sharing our creative reflections on the Scriptures with the Congregation. So far, we placed a Passover door and a recreation of the Hebrew people crossing the Red Sea on dry land. This week, we add a basket of manna as we remember God providing for the people's need (but not their greed).

Prayer over the Gifts: BAS p. 382

Eucharistic Prayer #4: BAS p. 201-203

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: CP #689

The Lord's Prayer: BAS p. 211

The Breaking of Bread #4: BAS p. 212

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God: CP #690

All those seeking Christ in their heart are welcome at the table.

The full presence of God is in both bread and wine.

(Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the priest.)

Prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel.

Hymn After Communion: CP #74

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Prayer after Communion: BAS p. 382

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Small Doxology: BAS p. 214

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #419 “Let All Creation Bless the Lord”

Dismissal: Go forth in peace, comforted in the knowledge that God always provides.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude