



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — July 26, 2026

8 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Ante Communion

10 a.m. Morning Prayer



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Scripture Summaries for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 3: 5-12 In this passage we find King Solomon at the beginning of his reign, seeking God's guidance. In the grandeur of the Temple that Solomon built to honour the Lord, surrounded by riches, his courtiers and advisors, King Solomon humbly kneels in prayer. He is weighed down with the responsibility of ruling Israel. God makes his presence known in that sacred place. King Solomon asks God for wisdom to govern; not personal wealth or power, but wisdom to lead with understanding and righteousness. God promises Solomon's wishes, as well as riches beyond measure and tells him he will be a great leader. This act of humility, seeking divine guidance sets a strong example for leaders in recognizing the importance of serving others with integrity and compassion.

Psalms 128 This psalm is part of a collection of psalms (Psalms 120-134) that were used by pilgrims as they travelled to the great Jewish festivals in Jerusalem. The psalmist rejoices that those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways will be blessed with productive work, a large family, old age and living to see the peace and prosperity of the holy city. Because of this psalm's focus on marriage and offspring, it was often sung at Israelite weddings.

Romans 8: 26-39 Paul reassures the Roman Christians, telling them that the Spirit of God comes to them in their weakness by helping them to pray. He assures them that all things work together for good for those who love God. He ends with some famous words, used often at funerals, telling his listeners that absolutely nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus – not the powers of this world, not persecution, not even death!

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 This reading contains six parables about the nature and life of the Kingdom of God. Jesus explained that Kingdom-living was like a mustard seed, like yeast, like a treasure hidden in a field, like a merchant in search of fine pearls, like a net that was thrown into the sea, and like the master of a household. In all of these parables, Jesus used everyday imagery to explain something that otherwise defies description.

8 a.m. Service of Ante Communion taken from The Book of Common Prayer

(An online pdf version of the 1962 Book of Common Prayer is available by [clicking here](#))

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Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

***Thank you for your
prayers and presence.***

10 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer—The Book of Alternative Services in-person worship and online via YouTube Live

Prelude

Welcome

Processional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

vs 1,2,4,5

Welsh hymn melody. R. Keen c1787

- 1 *How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?*
- 2 *"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*
- 4 *"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*
- 5 *The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake!"*

The Gathering of the Community

Call: O Lord, open our lips (Psalm 51:15)

Response: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Call: O God, make speed to save us. (Psalm 70:1)

Response: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading 1 Kings 3: 5 – 12

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ Happy are they all who fear the Lord, * and who follow in his ways!
- ² **You shall eat the fruit of your labour; * happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**
- ³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- ⁴ **The man who fears the Lord * shall thus indeed be blessed.**
- ⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- ⁶ **May you live to see your children's children; * may peace be upon Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading Romans 8: 26 - 39

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn CP 458

Seek Ye First

v1 before, v2 after

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1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And God's righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

R Allelu, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Allelu, alleluia.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;

Seek and you shall find;

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

R Allelu, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Allelu, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13: 31 -33, 44-52

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Jan Goodman

The Affirmation of Faith — Hear, O Israel

Officiant: Let us join together in affirming our faith;

All: Hear, O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People – Weekly Petitions

We offer our personal prayer requests to God either silently or aloud. [Pause]

The Prayers of the People – Litany #6

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As we gather in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Leader: For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our families and friends, (Pause) that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and wellbeing, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

The Peace—*During the Peace, you are invited to turn to your neighbours and shake their hand. If you are not comfortable shaking hands, please do a slight bow or raise your hand as a greeting.*

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Offertory—An Invitation

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God —our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. Like every Anglican Parish, St. Cuthbert's is called to be financially self-sustaining. To make a monetary offering to support our ministry and mission, please place your donation in the Offertory Plate at either the front or back of the Church. You may also place your offering in the plate as members of the Welcome Team slowly process down the centre aisle during the Offertory Hymn. Offerings may also be sent via e-transfer to stcuthbertleaside@toronto.anglican.ca or by visiting the Donate tab of the website ([click here](#)) or by scanning the QR code. St. Cuthbert's is also grateful to receive donations via The United Way. For more information, please contact the Church Office.



Offertory Hymn CP 628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High vs 1-4,7

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| <p>1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.</p> <p>3 For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.</p> <p>7 To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.</p> | <p>2 God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
for us, and to this lost world came.</p> <p>4 For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.</p> |
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Offertory Sentence

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: O God,

People: the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy

will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

All: Glory to God, whose power working in us can do, and is doing, 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.

Blessing—Fr. Randal Johnston

Recessional Hymn CP 444 *Your Hand, O God Has Guided* vs 1,3,4

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Rev. © The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

- 1 Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.*
- 3 When shadows, thickly falling, engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants, your messengers of light.
On them and on your people your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message: one church, one faith, one Lord.*
- 4 And we, shall we be faithless shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise – one church, one faith, one Lord.*

Dismissal

Officiant: As our worship ends, and our true service begins,
Let us go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

Postlude

*Please join us in Lamb Hall for self-serve cold drinks & cookies.
Special thanks to Tyler for the setup and cleanup.*

St. Cuthbert's Leaside, Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Métis, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

In Our Prayers we pray for:

The World: All those suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest, or disasters caused by climate change. We pray for all those affected by the forest fires in Canada and especially in Ontario. We pray for the hope of peace between the United States, Israel, Iran and Lebanon. For all people impacted by the wars in Ukraine, in Sudan; and for all nations and people known to you.

Our Community: We uphold in love all those who live and work along Mallory Crescent.

The Church: - The Church of Tanzania and Giving with Grace – The Appeal of the Anglican Church of Canada.

- For the ministry of *Lemonade on the Green (LOTG)* and all those who will participate – that they may feel God's love in this place.

Our Bishops: Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury*; Shane, *Primate of Canada*; Chris, *National Indigenous Archbishop*; Anne, *Metropolitan of Ontario*; Andrew, *Bishop of Toronto*; Kevin & Riscylla, *Suffragan Bishops*.

Our Archdeacon: *The Venerable Theadore Hunt*

Outreach: - Pray for St. Mark, Midland, its food bank, prayer shawl ministry, and services at four retirement/nursing homes;
- for St. Mark, Port Hope, its support of the Green Wood Coalition, Fare Share food bank, and Northumberland County Food 4 All Warehouse;
- for St. Martin, Bay Ridges, its support for many local initiatives including a food bank, Herizon House, DARS, Durham Youth Services, Durham Outreach Alliance, Back Door Mission, Water First, its Stewards of Creation, Outreach Garden, and its involvement in advocacy for the environment and anti-poverty measures.

Parish Cycle: all members and friends of St. Cuthbert's

We pray for those in special need: Barbara J.; Jan; Diewo; Bruce ; Donna ; Andrea; Carolin; Ava and her family; Monique (Monnick); Fr. Randal; Jeannie; Anita; and Tamara D.

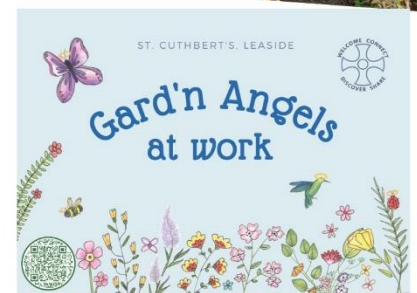
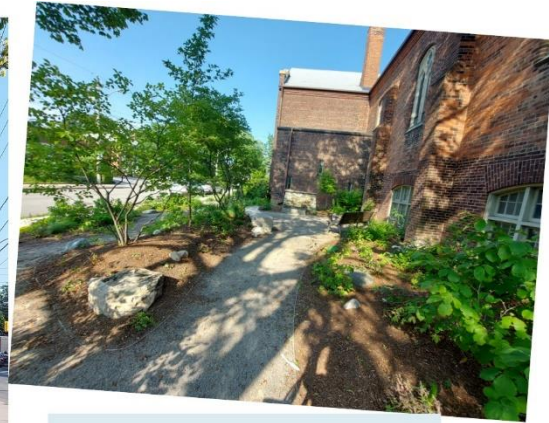
And continue to uphold: Dale; Carol M.; Marilyn and Sharon

Flower Dedication

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given by Kathi & Bob D.

To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage. We have experienced times of joy, challenge, growth and grace. While not always perfect, our love endures.

St. Cuthbert's Gardens





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