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**We acknowledge that we meet and live  
on the traditional territories of the  
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**We give thanks for their care for the land  
over thousands of years and  
for their deep spirituality and  
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation  
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



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World Peace Sunday

*We Welcome All who Worship with us this morning*

**PRELUDE:** Two Meditations on “St. Anne”

Gordon Young; Mark Albrecht

**WELCOME**

**LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**CHOIR:** “Eternal Light”

(Soloist: Margaret Marris)

Austin Lovelace

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN: VU264<sup>1</sup>** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Spiritual Practices

Scripture Verse(s): Great Commandment

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

Leader: Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

**People: We pray for your forgiveness, O God,  
for too often we find the effort too damaging,  
the cost too high to share our love so deeply.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart,  
with all your strength, with all your mind."

**People: We pray for your forgiveness, O God,  
for we sing, speak, and pray words of love,  
yet frequently act in the world for our own interests alone.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Love your enemies,  
and pray for those who persecute you."

**People: We ask for forgiveness, O God,  
for we find your pathway of love very demanding.**

(silent prayer)

**Grace us with your Spirit, that we might truly live  
as followers of Christ. Amen.**

**WORD OF GRACE<sup>3</sup>**

**CHOIR:** “Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet”<sup>4</sup>

Eleanor Daley

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: VU877** Exodus 20

*Refrain:* Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.

Hear the commandments which God gave Israel  
through Moses.

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make yourself idols,

nor bow down to them, nor serve them.

You shall not swear falsely, by my name.

Remember the day of rest and keep it holy.

Honour your father and your mother. R

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's. R

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 22: 34-46

**CHOIR:** “Have You Heard God’s Voice?”

Frederick Chatfield

(Soloist: Karla Buckborough)

**REFLECTION:** “Gift, Restraint or Both?”

**HYMN: MV65<sup>5</sup>** “When We Are Tested” (Tune VU642 Slane)  
When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
Food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,  
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief  
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
Trading the truth for the pow’r to control.  
Teach us to worship and praise only you,  
Seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,  
Angels of healing, of hope and of prayer.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD’S PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN: VU806** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure,  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

## COMMISSIONING

## SUNG BENEDICTION: VU424<sup>6</sup>

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**POSTLUDE:** Chorale Prelude on “St. Anne”

T. Tertius Noble

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Martin Deeley, Worship Leader; Chris Freeman, Mary Rawlings, Anne Campbell, Barb Diceman, Karla Buckborough, Margaret Marris, Wendy Price-Brown, Glynis Hilton-Devitt, COVID Choir and Dave Freeman, Choir and Technical Production.

Credits:

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When have you been tested, in your life or in your faith?

What were the circumstances?

How did you respond then?

How do you think you might respond to a similar situation today?

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## TODAY’S MUSIC

PRELUDES: The hymn "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" is most often heard on Remembrance Day, but it can also be used when either Psalm 90 is appointed, or when the service has a theme about testing one's faith. Today the two Meditations on this hymn (with the tune name "St. Anne" attributed to William Croft) are similar in nature but different in substance. Gordon Young's organ

setting is quite atmospheric, using the notes of the melody to shape phrases of varying lengths, while Mark Albrecht's piano setting is more upbeat, using popular

harmonies and rhythms.

ANTHEMS: "Eternal Light!" is an arrangement of the traditional Irish melody "Turtledove" by the prolific American composer Austin Lovelace. His setting opens with a solo (sung today by Margaret Marris), followed by a verse for the men. The final verse is a four-part setting, building to a full and satisfying conclusion. The text, adapted by Lovelace, was written by Thomas Binney (1798-1874), nicknamed "The Archbishop of Nonconformity" for his dissenting views of the established Church of England's governance and rituals.

*Eternal light! Eternal light! How pure the soul must be, when placed within your searching sight, it does not fear, but with delight can face such honesty.*

*There is a way for us to rise to that sublime abode: an offering and a sacrifice, a Holy Spirit's energies, an Advocate with God.*

*Such grace prepares us for the sight of holiness above; for all of ignorance and might may dwell in the eternal light through God's eternal Love.*

The choir's second anthem is called "Have you Heard God's Voice?". Composer Frederick Chatfield took a tune and lyrics by Jacqui Jones and fashioned a hauntingly beautiful anthem that speaks to a broad audience in these days of turmoil. Opening and closing with a solo it is indeed an anthem of our time.

*Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow? Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?*

*Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent? Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?*

*Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?*

*Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different? Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint? Will you walk the path...*

*In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless? Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless?*

*We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow. Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?*

*Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?*

POSTLUDE: To conclude the service you will hear a strong setting of the tune "St. Anne" by T. Tertius Noble, (1867-1953), former organist at England's Ely Cathedral and long-time organist at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in New York

City. His 1925 setting pits the reeds of the organ against the principal stops, creating a dignified and dramatic conclusion to the service today.

## OFFERING

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 10 AM**

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