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Apprehend God in all things,
for God is in all things.

Every single creature is full of God
and is a book about God.
Every creature is a word of God.

If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature –
even a caterpillar –
I would never have to prepare a sermon.
So full of God
is every creature.

Meditations with Meister Eckhart

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

September 13, 2009 10:30 a.m.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE *Variations on "Lobe den Herren"* *Jacques Berthier*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING *(The congregation stands as able.)*

To worship in this welcoming space is a holy gift.

As we gather to receive the nourishment of grain and grape,

let us be open to God's caring, life-giving presence moving among us!

In this hour we bring to God the yearning of our prayer,
and the melody of our praise.

With expectation and joy let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: *(The congregation remains standing.)*

Gladly with praise we adore you
for all your gifts to us, generous God.

**You scatter stars in the black abyss of night,
and stretch out the rolling sea.**

You colour the dawn with lavender light,
and tease the butterfly to dance in flight.

**You soften this season with autumn gold,
and fill the orchard with fruit.**

You come to us in the love we offer each other,
and heal us with the hug of a friend.

**You come alive for us in this family called "church",
and assure us that never will we be alone.**

As we gather around this table, renew and refresh us.

**Help us to become your life-giving presence in our world,
according to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION MOTET *Jesu, dulcis memoria* *Richard Shephard*

Jesu! The very thought is sweet; in that dear name all heart-joys meet; but O, than honey, sweeter far the glimpses of his presence are. No word is sung more sweet than this, no sound is heard more full of bliss, no thought brings sweeter comfort nigh, than Jesus, Son of God most high. Jesu, the hope of souls forlorn, how good to them for sin that mourn! To them that seek thee, O how kind! But what art thou to them that find? Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts! Thou fount of life, of light, of grace! From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled, to seek thy face! No tongue of mortal can express, no pen can write the blessedness: one only who hath proved it knows what bliss from love of Jesus flows. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

We give thanks, loving God,

that you have refreshed us at your table

by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith,

increase our love for one another,

sending us forth into the world united in courage and peace,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN 633 Bless now, O God, the journey *Thornbury*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Finale (from Petite Suite)* *Gerald Bales*

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of the lives of
Ernie Best and Sylvia Best Carrieri and given by Helen and Bronwyn Best.

Newcomers and Visitors: Visit our Newcomers' Desk in the Narthex

Participating in leadership in today's service: Doug McWhirter (coordinating greeter); Ian Fraser, Pat Fraser, Eric Oakley, Joan Oakley, Isobel Wilcox (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie and Deborah Hart (liturgists); Marjorie Hiley (reader); Don Parsons (preacher); George Leslie (sound); Heather Beard, Don Beard, Sally Crenian, Kathy Fletcher, Betty Heining, Gail Horrick, Alec McCuaig, Roberta McWhirter, Janet Whitney, Geoff Whitney (communion servers); Gloria Van Geilsnyk and Deborah Hart (anointers); Andrea Cerswell, Rebecca Collett, and Sean Clark (soloists); Peter Merrick and the Choir.

often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

In Jesus’ death you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising Christ to new life you have given us life for ever more.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move over us, and upon these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people. Let your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, until Christ comes again.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FILLING OF THE CUP

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” said Jesus.

Let us share in this bread.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

May we dwell in Christ, as Christ lives in us.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(Those serving communion come forward.)

AGNUS DEI

Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Come, for all things are now ready.

(All are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the central aisles beginning from the front of the church, and proceeding to one of the stations. Bread will be received first; you are then invited to dip the bread in the cup. An appropriate response to receiving both the bread and juice is “Amen.” Healing stations are available in both the east and west transepts and, if you wish, you may go there for prayer and anointing with oil after having received the elements. Please return to your seats via the side aisles.)

RESPONSE Behold, I make all things new

Higher Voices
Be - hold, be - hold, I

Lower Voices
Be - hold, _____ be - hold, I

make all things new, be - gin-ning with you, and start-ing from to -

make all things new, be - gin-ning with you, and _____ start-ing from to -

day. Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my

day. Be - hold, _____ be - hold, I make all things new, my

prom-ise is true, for I am Christ the way.

prom-ise is true, for _____ I am Christ the way.

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LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

HYMN Jesus came, a child like me

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus came, a child like me, so the face of God I'd see
God is not left faraway God is with us every day.**

Chorus

**Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live Jesus in us, come, live in us today.**

**Jesus came to show us all, ways to answer our God's call;
came to show us how to share, came to live with God's own care.**

**Jesus came God's work to do, came to live in me and you,
came to turn the world around 'til God's peace and love is found.**

**Jesus came to show God's face, live God's love and be God's grace.
God lives now in me, in you, God's at work in what we do.**

(The children leave for Church School.)

OPENING MINDS

FIRST READING James 3: 1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 19

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GOSPEL Mark 8: 27-38

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart

Praise the Lord, all you nations; praise God, all you peoples. For God has graced us with loving-kindness, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

SERMON When A Bandaid Won't Do

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OPENING HEARTS

INVITATION

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour.)*

OFFERTORY HYMN 457 As we gather at your table

Beach Spring

*The congregation remains seated for this hymn as the offering
is collected and stands as it is being brought forward.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love. You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures, in a covenant of love and welcome. Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us. You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, and to remind us of your promise of peace.

We praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus, who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way, sharing our joy and sorrow, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and setting the captive free. So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to the table with those he loved. He took bread and gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was ended, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as