

**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
and the Baptism of Max Allyn Jurkiw  
September 10, 2023  
9:00am**



**Prelude**

**Welcome Table**

**Matthew Corl**

**Welcome**

**Opening**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee**

**Hymn 376**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  
**People**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues:*  
**People**  
*Celebrant*

There is one body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*  
**People**  
*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Reading**

**Ezekiel 33: 7-11**

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your

hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 119: 33-40

33	Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.	37	Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.
34	Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.	38	Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.
35	Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.	39	Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.
36	Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.	40	Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

### Reading

### Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

### Hymn 602

*Refrain:*  
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors  
we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

*Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.

*Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you.

*Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we were slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Refrain*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18: 15-20

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and godparents* **I present Max Allyn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant to parents and godparents* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Celebrant to the congregation:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Max and his parents and godparents, in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Max who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Led by Parents and Godparents*

*People* Deliver Max O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that *all* who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Touching the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that he who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Celebrant* Max Allyn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Max Allyn, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant Max, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people joyfully greet one another with the Love of Christ.*

## Announcements

### Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

Offertory

Teach Me O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Doxology

Hymn 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is said here.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Communion**

**Music at Communion**

**Lord, make us servants of your peace**

**Forgive our sins as we forgive**

**Hymn 593**

**Hymn 674**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Closing Hymn

Lord, you give the great commission

WLP 780

Lord, you give  
 the great commission:  
 ‘Heal the sick and preach the word.’  
 Lest the church neglect its mission,  
 and the gospel go unheard,  
 help us witness to your purpose  
 with renewed integrity.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
 ‘In my name baptize and teach.’  
 That the world  
 may trust your promise,  
 life abundant meant for each,  
 give us all new fervor,  
 draw us closer in community.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
 ‘This my body, this my blood.’  
 Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
 daily lift life heavenward,  
 asking that the world around us  
 share your children’s liberty.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us  
 love’s true measure:  
 ‘Father, what they do, forgive.’  
 Yet we hoard as private treasure  
 all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us  
 to a just society.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless  
 with words assuring;  
 ‘I am with you to the end.’  
 Faith and hope and love restoring,  
 may we serve as you intend  
 and, amid the cares that claim us,  
 hold in mind eternity.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Lord, you give the great commission

Paul Manz

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 Baptizing Priest  
 Deacon  
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