



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: July 26, 2020

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse

## Jesus' Kingdom Riff

Pastor Dawn Hutchings

Musician: Marney Curran

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Welcome:

Music printed under  
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Prelude:

**Prelude op.16 no.3**  
by Aleksandr Scriabin

Invocation:

**Be Still**  
video produced by The Work of the People



Music:

## ***Seek Ye First the Kin-dom of God***

WORDS & MUSIC: KAREN LAFFERTY

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer:

**The Welcoming Prayer by Father Thomas Keating**  
video produced by The Work of the People

Gospel:

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

Jesus presented another parable to the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like the mustard seed which a farmer sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all – it becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come to perch in its branches.”

Jesus offered them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast a baker took and mixed in with three measures of flour until it was leavened all through.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure found in a field. The ones who discovered it, hid it again, and, rejoicing at the discovery, went and sold all their possessions and bought that field.

“Or again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant’s search for fine pearls. When one pearl of great value was found, the merchant went back and sold everything else and bought it.

“Or again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collected all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishers hauled it shore. Then, sitting down, they collected the good ones in a basket and threw away those that were of no use.

This is how it will be at the end of time. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the just and throw the wicked into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?”

“Yes,” they answered.

To this Jesus replied, “Every religious scholar who has become a student of the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who can bring from the storeroom both the new and the old.”

Reflection:

**“Jesus’ Kingdom Riff”**  
**Bishop Michael Pryse**



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your  
 2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my  
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my-  
 own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have  
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my  
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my-  
 done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is  
 own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is  
 self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is  
 God's great gift. A - men.  
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Interpretation of the prayer attributed to Jesus:

**Loving Presence, luminous in all creation,  
 hallowed be your name. Thy kin-dom come.  
 May we reflect on earth the yielding perfection of the heavens.**

**Help us to receive an illumed measure from the Earth this day.  
 Forgive us when we trespass against others,  
 human and other than human,  
 as we forgive others who trespass against us.**

**Keep us on the path of wisdom  
 when we are tempted to take the selfish path.  
 May it be your rule we follow,  
 your power we exercise, and your radiance that allures.**

**May this be the truth that guides our lives,  
 the ground from which our future will grow,  
 until we meet again. Amen.**

Music:

## **The World Needs LOVE**

Words: Philip Sudworth; MUSIC: FINLANDIA

**The world needs love; so many hearts are hurting.  
LOVE, work through us, help us to spread your peace,  
bringing to all – through your forgiving spirit –  
freedom from guilt, from bitterness release.  
Reconcile us; help us to share your calmness,  
'till anger stills and all our conflicts cease.**

**The world needs hope, a vision for the future,  
what life might be, if all would live in you.  
Help us to lead – through your transforming spirit –  
lives that reflect what you would have us do,  
to share our gifts, show forth your loving kindness,  
encourage all to find their hope in you.**

**The world needs joy, a sense of celebration  
that human lives have such diversity.  
Help us to see – through your dynamic spirit –  
each person's part in life's vitality.  
Sharing our joys, supporting others' sorrows  
make our small world a better place to be.**

Blessing

### **Behold I Make All Things New**

video produced by The Work of the People

Postlude

### **Sarabande – Holberg Suite - E**

by Edvard Grieg

**Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal  
from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!**

## **OFFERINGS:**

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

**You can mail in your offerings:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
1035 Wayne Drive  
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

**You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR**

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36983>

## **E-transfer**

**You can now transfer funds via email to:  
holy.cross.donations@rogers.com**

## **Pastor Dawn on vacation:**

**Wednesday July 22 to Wednesday July 29  
voicemail on the church phone will be answered:  
905-898-1682**



## Gather with us! **ONLINE Sundays @ 10:45am**

We are reviving the early Christian practice of "Home Church."  
Updated for these challenging times:

**Online Worship Videos  
are posted  
Sundays at 10:45am**

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## Opening ourselves to the **MYSTERY** which is God who **IS LOVE**

### CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

**You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.**

## Holy Cross Finances as of MAY 31, 2020

**THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!** Thanks to all the generous, Members and Friends of Holy Cross who have graciously stepped up to ensure that our financial house is in order during these unprecedented times! Your ongoing donations are especially appreciated as we all struggle to come to terms with the current realities of financial insecurity. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to hold our deficit down to -1,172.53 compared to Budget. As many of you know, the budget does not reflect the annual expenses which are paid in the first half of the year. Our ongoing expenses are expected to continue well below budget for the remainder of this year. Below you will see a summary of our Income and Expenses.

### Financial Report - General Fund Jan-May 31, 2020

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Jan - May BUDGET</b>	<b>Jan - May ACTUAL</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$54,097.97	\$45,930.3	
BLOG Participants		\$2,500	
<b>Total OFFERINGS</b>	\$54,097.97	<b>\$48,430.3</b>	<b>-\$5,667.67</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$3,750.00	\$1,190.97	<b>-\$2,559.03</b>
Fundraising	\$833.31	\$0.00	<b>-\$833.31</b>
Gifts	\$208.31	\$0.00	<b>-\$208.31</b>
Interest	\$0.00	\$26.01	\$26.01
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$416.69	\$0.00	<b>-\$416.69</b>
Budgeted Expense	\$416.69	\$1,857.40	\$1,440.71
Gov't Payroll Subsidy	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Rentals: Church Facility	\$625.00	\$540.00	-\$85.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$5,375.00	\$5,375.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$1,250.00	\$608.81	<b>-\$641.19</b>
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	\$66,972.97	<b>\$58,928.49</b>	<b>-\$8,044.48</b>
<b>2019 Surpluss Carried forward</b>	\$413.55	\$413.55	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$67,386.52</b>	<b>\$59,342.04</b>	<b>-\$8,044.48</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to May 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$67,386.38</b>	<b>\$60,514.43</b>	<b>-\$6,871.95</b>
<b>NET LOSS as of May 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$1,172.53</b>	