

ST. STEPHEN'S WITH ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, CHAMBLY



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**13TH AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 22ND, 2021**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Karl-Frederic Bolte

Sentence:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. [John 6:68]

Processional Hymn:

#300 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Greeting / Accueil, Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day:

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: Anita Young

This morning's first reading comes from the first Book of Kings, Chapter 8 beginning at the 22nd verse

[1 Kings 8:22-30, 4143];

Listen now for the Word of God.....

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do

according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

[Silence followed by:]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

THANKS BE TO GOD.

We will read Psalm 84 together.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed. For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

PRAYER: God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize your dwelling-place in the love, generosity, and support of those with whom we share our journey, and help us to worship you in our response to those who need our care; for all the world is your temple and every human heart is a sign of your presence, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This morning's second reading comes from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 6 beginning at the 10th verse

[Eph. 6:10-20]

Listen now for the Word of God.....

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.
[Silence followed by:]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Gradual Hymn:

"Open our Eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus" [Mission Praise]

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you***

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

[John 6:56-69]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

*The Gospel of Christ: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

Homily/Homilie: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

The Nicene Creed [Page 188]

Prayers of the People: Claude Dubois

.....With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Litanist: Your words are spirit and life, O God: Heed the cry and the prayer that your servants speak to you today as we stand before your altar in the presence of the assembly, saying: Happy are the people whose strength is in you;
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Gracious One, your Church declares with boldness the mystery of the gospel as we put on the whole armor of God in the strength of your divine power: Gird your people with the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, that we may stand firm in Christ's Word of love and compassion. Happy are the people whose strength is in you;
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Almighty One, let your word be confirmed before the rulers and authorities of the world, that they may walk before you with all their hearts and be instruments of your mercy and peace.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you;
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Compassionate One, though all creation cannot contain you, you come to abide with us and to hear the prayers of the foreigner as well as the prayers of your people.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you;
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Loving One, let your eyes be open night and day toward this house and these communities that your name may dwell with us to bless all your creation.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Hear our prayer and supplication for all who are in need, especially our Foster Children, Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ronnie, and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynne Pierce, Olga, Annie Veilleux, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, The McConnell family, Ralph and Bev, The Steirli family, Bev and Francis Hynes, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil Robinson, Denise Dubois, Ann Hopkins, Barry & Della Yaxley, Virginia, Gabriel, Sylvia Dawson, Amanda McCordic, Jerry Osborne, Patrick Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, Jack McGillivray, David, Ernie Thomas, Donald Sloane, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Michael Canning, Sidney and Arleen, Beth Reid (Dio), Brandon, Robin and Sheila Nasmith, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete and Len Levac who is due for surgery on August 30th, Kenneth Roberts and Keith Donahue.

Accept our grateful thanks for all the blessings of our life. They will climb from height to height.

We remember those who have died. Our souls desire and long for your courts; happy are they who dwell in your house. Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

*Presider: Your Spirit, O God, gives life through Jesus, the bread that came down from heaven: Give us the words of eternal life, that we may believe and know that Christ is the Holy One of God who brings us spirit and life, in your Holy Name. **Amen.***

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay readers in the Diocese. In the world we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern America and the global warmings throughout the world. We also uphold in prayer Haiti who have suffered a major earthquake. Please pray for Lytton and reserves of Skuppah, Siska and Kanaka on evacuation order to leave due to the Mowhokum fire. We also pray for Afghans trying to flee Kabul. In our own Diocese we pray Other Christian Communities, Roman Catholic, The Most Reverend Christian Lépine (Montreal), and Monseigneur Alain Faubert. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and our future partnership with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille.

*Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayers.***

Confession and Absolution [Page 191]

The Peace / Echange de la paix

Offertory Hymn: #374 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Prayer over the gifts:

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2 – Page 196 BAS

Our Father [Page 211]

Prayer after Communion:

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology [P. 214]

Blessing: **Put on the whole armour of God and be strong in the strength of God's power. Abide in Christ, the Holy One of God, the Bread that came down from heaven, who gives us the words of eternal life. Dwell in the Spirit who gives life; stand firm, keep alert, and pray in the Spirit at all times.**

Celebrant:

And the blessing of our intimate God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and guard you, now and for ever.

Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

29th Wedding Anniversary – Lynn and Andy!!

Danielle Bird – today, August 22nd

**“Happy Birthday to You, To Jesus Be True,
May God's many Blessings keep falling on you”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join us immediately following the service for coffee and social enjoyment in Randell Hall across the parking lot.

Recessional Hymn:

#461 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Dismissal:

For pastoral emergencies please call:
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SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK:

In Person and on FB Live
August 29th, 2021
14th After Pentecost - Holy Eucharist
Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

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