

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



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**14TH AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29th, 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:

The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatues.

[James 1.18]

Processional Hymn:

#34 "Come down O Love Divine" [Living Praise]

Greeting / Accueil, Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day:

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Ellen Rennie

This morning's first reading comes from the Song of Solomon, in the 2nd Chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

[Song of Songs:2:1-7]

Springtime Rhapsody

*The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.*

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. [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 45 together.

[Vs. 1,2, 7-10]

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

We will say all the prayer together:

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

This morning's second reading comes from the letter of James. Chapter 1 beginning at the 17th verse.

[James 1:17-27]

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

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect

law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. [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: #84:

“I Have decided to Follow Jesus” [Living Praise]

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark [Mark 7:1-8]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah

prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

*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

Presider: Let the words of our mouths express the thoughts of our hearts, O God, as we offer to your divine compassion the needs of the world, praying:

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

Litanist: Gracious God, you have given birth to your Church by your word of truth and raised us as the first fruits of your creatures: Grant that we may be doers of your word and not merely hearers, effectively sharing in your reconciling work throughout the world.

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

Eternal One, help our leaders to carry your sceptre of righteousness in order to create justice and peace, care for orphans and widows, and remove the stains that pollute your creation. Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

Ever-present God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and as we seek a proper return for our own labour, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work.

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

Compassionate One, let your generosity abound among all the peoples of the earth, that humanity may respond with empathy and grace toward all who suffer, especially orphans and widows and any who are vulnerable or poor.

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

Loving God, our hearts and lips are close to you as we intercede for our community: Inspire us to resist following human traditions which divide rather than unite, that we may faithfully follow your perfect law of liberty.

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

Healing God, empower our reconciling work to share your blessing with all for whom we intercede, 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, Keith Donahue and Kathleen Christie.

We thank you for all that is good and true and gracious, especially for Barry Yaxley, Trinity, St. Bruno who has now returned home from the hospital after five weeks in the hospital. He thanks you all for your prayers.

Welcome into your divine heart those who have died.

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

and grant us your blessing.

*Presider: Holy and Eternal One, you lead us through your Word Jesus Christ who taught us to obey all of your commandments by loving you and by loving our neighbors as ourselves: Purify our hearts that we may be instruments of your reconciliation and peace, in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan 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 for Holy Trinity, Ste-Agathe, and Christ Church, Rawdon The Ven Michael J. Robson. 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: #80 "I Am the Bread of Life" [Living Praise]

Prayer over the gifts:

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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:

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology [P. 214]

Blessing:

May the generous Creator of light shower us with every perfect gift from above to conform our hearts to God's kindness. May we welcome with meekness the implanted Word of Christ that saves our souls. May the Spirit inspire us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, being doers of the word, honouring God with our lips and with our hearts.

Celebrant:

And the blessing of our Infinite and Immanent God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and guide you always.

Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:
September 4th – Janelle Soucy

**“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:

#44 “Father we Adore You” [Living Praise]

Dismissal:

For pastoral emergencies please call:
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SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK:

In Person only
September 5th, 2021
15th After Pentecost - Holy Eucharist
Officiant: Rev’d Roslyn Macgregor

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