

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



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**18<sup>TH</sup> AFTER PENTECOST [Proper 26]  
SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
*"Season of Creation"***

**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:

**Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.**

[John 17.17]

Processional Hymn:

CP #384 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Collect of the day:

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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: Lynn O'Donnell, Lay Reader

*This morning's first reading comes from the Book of Esther in the 7th Chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.*

*[Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 20-22]*

*So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.'*

*Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.'* Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

*Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.*

*[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 124 together.*

**If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;  
If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies  
rose up against us;  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their  
fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the  
torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.  
Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a  
prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the  
fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of  
heaven and earth.**

[PRAYER AFTER THE PSALM]:

**Helper and Defender of Israel, rescue the peoples of the  
world from destructive anger, and set us free to love  
and serve each other in the peace of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*This morning's second reading comes from the letter of  
James, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.*

[James 5:13-20]

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

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any  
cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among  
you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and  
have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the  
name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and*

*the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.*

*My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.*  
[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: LP 262 "What a Friend we have in Jesus"

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

*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark*  
[Mark 9:38-50]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.*

*'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.*

*'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'*

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

Homily/Homilie: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

The Nicene Creed [BAS Page 188]

**Prayers of the People:** Claude Dubois

.....With thanks to Lowell Grisham

*Presider: Ever-present God, you reveal yourself in the splendor and order of your creation: Heal our broken lives that we may join in the reconciling prayer and work of Christ, as we pray in faith: Our help is in the Name of God,*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Litanist: Our Glorious God, you have taught us that whoever is not against us is for us, and you have promised a divine reward for all who befriend any of your children: Save your Church from whatever may cause us to stumble, that our hands may serve compassion, our feet walk in the ways of truth, and our eyes be set upon your unquenchable love. Our help is in the Name of God,*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Just and Compassionate One, you call us to defend the vulnerable and to resist the oppressor: Give our leaders vision and strength to be instruments of justice and servants of peace who will take up the burden of your people and serve them rightly. Our help is in the Name of God,*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Kind and Gentle One, you uphold the little ones, the weak and the vulnerable: Raise up those who suffer or who are oppressed throughout the world, that they may know the comfort of your saving help. Our help is in the Name of God,*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Gracious and Loving One, you have surrounded us with neighbours from other traditions who do good in the name of Jesus, and you inspire others to serve you though they follow not our beliefs: Bestow your reward upon any who act in kindness, and lead us to serve our community as ministers of the salt of peace. Our help is in the Name of God,*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Merciful and Healing One, you have taught us that the prayer of faith will save the sick and that you will raise them up: Hear us as we pray for all who suffer, 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, Patrick Turgeon, Ann Hopkins, Barry & Della Yaxley, Virginia, Gabriel, Sylvia Dawson, Amanda McCordic, Jerry Osborne, Patrick Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, Jack McGillivray who is now in palliative care and his wife France, David, Ernie Thomas, Donald Sloane, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Michael Canning, Sidney and Arleen, Beth Reid, Brandon, Robin and Sheila Nasmith, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts, Keith Donahue, Kathleen Christie, and Audrey and her mother.*

*You have told us to sing songs of praise with the cheerful: Hear our thankful hearts praising you, especially for healing in Gord.*

*You have overcome death in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ: Accept into your eternal love those who have died. Our help is in the Name of God,*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**



*Presider: Send your Spirit unto all the earth, O God, that every human being may know your love, grow in faith, and serve your creation in grateful humility, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **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 Episcopal Church. In our own Diocese, we pray for the Deanery of the South Shore, St Stephen's with St James, Chambly, The Rev Andrew O'Donnell, St Paul, Greenfield Park, The Rev Linda Faith Chalk, St Joseph of Nazareth, Brossard/St Margaret's of Antioch, St-Hubert, The Rev Christopher A Belle, Regional Dean, St George's, Châteauguay, The Rev Nicholas Forte, Trinity Church, St-Bruno, St Barnabas, St-Lambert, The Rev Brian Perron, and Christ Church, Sorel The Rev Denis Gévry. We continue our prayers for the Territory of the People who were devastated by the wildfires. 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 and we pray also for Father Linus Buriani who plans to come here to complete his studies to obtain his Bachelor's degree in Theology at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.*

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

*Confession and Absolution [Page 191]*

The Peace / Echange de la paix [Page 192]

Offertory Hymn: LP #39 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer over the gifts:

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1 – Page 193 BAS

The Lord's Prayer: [Page 211]

Prayer after Communion:

**Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology [P. 214]

Blessing:

**May the God of grace inspire us to be salt for the world, bringing God's peace to all whom we touch. May Christ the Son of God protect us from stumbling and guide our path in faithfulness and truth. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with such fullness that our prayers may bring a harvest of goodness.**

**Celebrant:**

And the blessing of our loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and guide you for ever. **Amen.**

Birthdays:  
Today September 26<sup>th</sup> -Thomas O'Donnell  
Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

**“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:

CP #620 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Dismissal:

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**SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK:**

In Person and On-Line [Zoom] on our FB Page  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
19<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost - Holy Eucharist  
Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

## **"WE ARE ALL MINISTERS TOGETHER"**



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Present building reconstructed and consecrated  
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