

**ST. STEPHEN'S WITH ST. JAMES  
ANGLICAN CHURCH, CHAMBLY  
AND GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE**



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**TWENTY 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Proper 31]  
EVE OF ALL SAINTS DAY  
OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 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

The service begins on Page 185 of the BAS with the "Gathering of the Community"

Sentence:

**If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.** [John 14.23]

Opening Hymn: CP #425 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Collect of the day:

**Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; 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, Lay Reader

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

*[Ruth 1:1-18]*

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

*In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.*

*The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.*

*Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*

*So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!'*

*When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.*

*[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 146 together with the prayer at the end:*

**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;**

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**[PRAYER AFTER PSALM]**

**God our creator and redeemer, inspire your people, in prosperity or adversity, to turn always to you, eternal source of life, health, and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*This morning's second reading comes from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.*

*[Hebrews 9:11-14]*

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

*But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered*

*himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!*

[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: CP #645 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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

*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, Chapter 12 beginning at the 32<sup>nd</sup> verse*

[Mark 12:28-34]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

***The First Commandment***

*One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he*

*answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.*

*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: Loving and gracious God, you have taught us to love you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves: Hear us as we express our love through prayer and intercession, saying: Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;*

***sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

*Litanist: Eternal and Majestic One, you have raised Christ our High Priest into the Holy Place, obtaining eternal redemption for your people: Guide the Church and purify our conscience from dead works to worship you, the living God. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;*

***sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

*Sustaining Ruler of All, guide those in authority to exercise their power with a commitment to compassion and justice, for you take pleasure in the people, and you adorn the poor with victory. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;*

***sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

*Merciful and Compassionate One, look upon refugees and immigrants, widows and families who are poor and threatened, who leave their homes seeking hope and prosperity: Guide them into new places of security and hospitality. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;*

***sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

*Creator and Sustainer, be with us in this community that we may be people who follow your law of love.*

*Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;*

***sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

*Receive our prayers of intercession into your eternal heart of love, as we pray, especially for our Foster Children, Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ronnie and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, Anne Veilleux, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, The McConnell family, Ralph and Bev, The Steirli family, Bev and Frances Hynes, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil Robinson, Patrick Turgeon, Ann Hopkins, Barry and Della Yaxley, Virginia, Gabriel, Sylvia Dawson, Bea and Marcel Barbier Jerry Osborne, Janet Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, France McGillivray, David, Donald Sloane, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Brandon, Robin and Sheila Nasmith, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts, Keith Donahue, Kathleen Christie and Jerry Prokoki.*



*Your faithful people rejoice joyfully in our Maker and Monarch, hear our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*Christ the high priest of the good things that have come has entered into heaven; bring all who have died into your eternal presence.*

*Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;*

***sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

*Presider: Holy and gracious One, your eternal and unqualified love exceeds all we can desire or imagine: Guide us in your way, that we may love you, our neighbours, and ourselves with such singleness of heart, that your kingdom may come quickly among us, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in union with the Holy Spirit, 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/Anglican Province of Alexandria. In our own Diocese, we pray for the Retired Clergy, The Rev'd. Gaby Rajarison and The Most Rev Bruce Stavert. 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: CP #458 "Seek Ye First"

**Prayer over the gifts:**

**God of freedom, accept all we offer you this day. May we embrace the law of your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1 – Page 193 BAS

The Lord's Prayer: [Page 211]

Breaking of the Bread #2

Prayer after Communion:

**God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology [P. 214]

Blessing:

**May our intimate God fill us with such divine grace that we may love the Lord our God with all our hearts, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength. May Christ's sustaining presence inspire us to love our neighbor as ourselves. May the Holy Spirit guide us and keep us near to the kingdom of God.**

**Celebrant:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Birthdays:  
November 1<sup>st</sup> – Betty Cunningham  
November 1<sup>st</sup> – Pauline Harkin  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lynn Pearce

***"Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,  
May God's many blessings, Keep falling on you"***

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

Closing Hymn: LP44 "Father, We Adore You|"

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**SOCKTOBER:** Fundraiser for William Latter School  
Socks and underwear for the homeless [Dans la Rue)  
Run by the class of Kim Bird  
There is a basket for items in the Church  
and one in Randell Hall

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**SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK:**

In Person and On-Line [Zoom] and on our FB Page  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Morning Prayer  
Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

**"WE ARE ALL MINISTERS TOGETHER"**

