

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



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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY IN PERSON SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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-Frédéric Bolte

Celebrant: Welcome

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

Sentence:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. [John 13.34]

Opening Hymn: #5 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day:

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dorothy Cunningham, Reader

This morning's first reading comes from Genesis, Chapter 45 beginning at the 3rd verse.

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15]

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

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he

kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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.

Reader:

We will all say Psalm 37 together with the Prayer at the end: [Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40]

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; for there is a future for the peaceable.

Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; the future of the wicked is cut off.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

PRAYER

God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your kingdom, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

This morning's second reading comes from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 15, beginning at the 15th verse.

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38]

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

The Resurrection Body

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

[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:

#383 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

[You are requested to stay seated for the Gospel]

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, in the 6th Chapter, beginning at the 27th verse.

[Luke 6:27-38]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Love for Enemies:

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'

Judging Others:

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily/Homilie: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Claude Dubois*
.....With thanks to Reverend Lowell Grisham

Presider: Merciful God, you are kind to the ungrateful and the wicked: Expand our compassion that we may not only do to others as we would have them do to us, but also may learn to love our enemies and to bless those who may curse us. Hear us as we pray: Commit your way to God.

Be still before God and wait patiently.

Litanist: You shower blessings upon your Church, O Gracious One, and you call us to share in your generous work of reconciliation: Help us to give and forgive, and be instruments of your abundant love for all people. Commit your way to God.

Be still before God and wait patiently.

Holy One, teach the leaders of our land and all in authority to follow your path of nonviolence and to resist evildoers with the disciplines of mercy, that nations may refrain from anger, leave rage alone, and dwell in the land to feed on its riches. Commit your way to God.

Be still before God and wait patiently.

Compassionate One, help and rescue those who live with violence, oppression, threat and disease, that what is sown in weakness in them may be raised in power, so that the

lowly may possess the land and all people delight in abundance of peace. Commit your way to God.

Be still before God and wait patiently.

Gracious One, inspire generosity in our communities that we may give and lend without expectation, and that all may enjoy your divine abundance: a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. Commit your way to God.

Be still before God and wait patiently.

Merciful God, hear our prayers for your children in need and bring your comfort to all for whom we intercede, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria; Eileen, Ronnie and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lyne Pierce, Olga, Ian McGregor, Mike, Arlene and family, Denise Dubois, Anne Veilleux, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, The McConnell family, Ralph and Bev, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Donald Sloane, Ted Neville, Ron Coward, Pauline Drouin and Leona. In the wider community we pray for the Steirli family, Bev and Frances Hynes, Patrick Turgeon, Della, Virginia, Gabriel, Jerry Osborne, Janet Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Brandon, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts, Keith Donahue, Jerry Prokoki and Dianne.

We thank you for your abundant mercy and generosity, offering you our gratitude especially for the safe delivery of Charlotte Catherine Foley on February 12th, 2022. Congratulations to Rev'd. Rebecca and Corey.

*What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.
Bring the dead into your eternal living heart.*

*Presider: Holy God, pour into our hearts your greatest gift,
which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, that
we may become merciful even as you are merciful and be
children of the Most High, for you live and love us into
being through your Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the
Holy Spirit; you are One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

*In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Mary, our
Bishop; David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate; Mark
Macdonald, National Indigenous Bishop; Justin, Archbishop
of Canterbury, Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop ELCIC,
Michael Pryse, Bishop of Eastern Synod ELCIC, the people
of the Territory of the People and Bruce Myers, Bishop,
Diocese of Quebec and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay
Readers in the Diocese of Montreal. In the world we pray
for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East;
We also remember in prayer our partnership with the
Diocese of Masasi, The Right Rev'd. James Almasi, Bishop
and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa,
Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.***

The service continues on Page 191.

The Peace [No contact – no hand shaking]

Offertory Hymn: #507 "Blest be the Tie That Binds"

Prayer over the gifts:

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2 on Page 196

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #2

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology, Pg. 214

Blessing [Celebrant]

People: Thanks be to God.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February 21st – Kay Berry

February 22nd – Ron Coward

February 24th – Tom St-Onge

**“Happy Birthday to You, To Jesus Be True,
May God’s Many Blessings, Rest Upon You”**

Announcements:

Closing Hymn: LP #195 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Dismissal.

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