

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
16 MAY 2021
[SERVICE ON FACEBOOK LIVE ONLY]**

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.”

MORNING PRAYER
Officiant: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Officiant: Lord open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sentence: [Ascension of the Lord)

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

[Matthew 28.19,20]

The Invitatory for Easter:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

Jubilate [Psalm 100]

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 47 – Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne. The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Prayer:

Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: Lynn O'Donnell

The first reading this morning is taken from the Book of Acts, in the 1st Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse

[Acts 1:1-11]

Listen now for the word of God.....

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

[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.***

This morning's second reading is taken from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 1 beginning at the 15th verse.

[Ephesians 1:15-23]

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

[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.

Officiant: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, in the 24th Chapter, beginning at the 44th verse

[Luke 24:44-53]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Lynn O'Donnell

(with thanks to Lowell Grisham)

Presider: Christ has ascended high that he might fill all things: Listen to our prayers, O Holy One, as we proclaim the riches of your glorious inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of your power for us who believe, saying, Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Litanist: Source of glory, the Gracious God of our Lord Jesus Christ, give to your Church a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you, that we may be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

You reign over the nations, and all the rulers of the earth belong to you: Put your power to work among those who hold authority throughout the world, that they may establish your peace and reconciliation among all people. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Cover the earth with your grace, O Compassionate One, that all who suffer from any threat or oppression may know the power of your goodness. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Fill our communities with your blessing, O Loving One, that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which you have called us. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Receive our prayers, dear God, for all for whom we are called to pray, especially , especially all those suffering from Covid-19 in India; our Foster Children, Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ronnie, and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Ralph and Bev, Bill and Joyce Gillis, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, Annie Veilleux, The McConnell family, The Steirli family, Bev and Francis Hynes, Mitsa & Glenn, Lil Robinson, Denise Dubois, Ann Hopkins, Barry, Virginia, Gabriel, Sylvia Dawson, Amanda McCordic, Jerry Osborne, Patrick Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Olga, Kevan, Jimmy Parent, Jack McGillivray, David, Ernie Thomas, Donald Sloane, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Michael Canning, Sidney and Arleen, Beth Reid (Dio), Brandon, The Venerable Michael Robson, Robin and Sheila Nasmith and Sarah.

We especially uphold before you Debbie Cunningham-Arbour who is in Palliative care, Bill Gillis, Lynne who has continuous follow-up appointments, Terry Goodfellow who is in Rehab.

Hear our song of praise and thanksgiving as we lift our gratefulness to you, especially for Elizabeth Rose O'Donnell who received her Honourary Doctorate in Theology, Congratulations!

You raised Christ from the dead and seated him at your right hand: Receive into your divine dwelling those who have died,

especially Hew and Nora Ellwood, Erika and Peter Hancheruk and their children Suzanne, Peter and Norman.

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with a cry of joy.

*Presider: Wonderful and Everliving God, our Christ reigns far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named: Put all things under Christ's feet and fill the earth with the fullness of him who fills all in all, through the power of 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 Anglican Church of Korea. In our own Diocese we pray for the Synod Planning Committee, The Ven Robert Camara, Chair. We also remember in prayer, Rt. Rev'd. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, Bishop Lincoln McKoen, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

Collect:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **[The Lord's Prayer]**

All: [Blessing for Ascension Sunday]

God has raised up Christ from the dead and brought him into the fullness of life: Live boldly in the victory God has given to us. Christ has ascended into heaven carrying humanity into the heart of God: Dwell with him there in the peace and triumph that is our glorious inheritance.

The Spirit has filled all creation with heavenly life: Let the eyes of your heart be enlightened with wisdom and revelation, that we may know the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

Officiant:

And the blessing of our exalted God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and dwell in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Birthdays this week:

*Clarence (Joe) Robinson [16th]
Liam James Dube and Kayla Levine [19th]*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join Rev'd. Andy each day at 'noonish' for Bells of Hope - A live broadcast on our Facebook Page.

You can also join Bishop Mary and friends each Sunday and Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. on FB Live for Compline. Check the website for the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

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