

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



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**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023**

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: Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Colin Langille

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #345 – King of Glory, I King of Peace – {Tune: Ratisbon Gwalchmai}

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

Sentence: **Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.**
{See Matthew 4.23}

Greetings Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day: See Page 374

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD **Devon Phillips**

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Genesis, Chapter 45, verses 1-15

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

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 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 now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his

brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

[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.**

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 133 verses 1-5 found on Pages 890 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.

This morning's second reading is taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 11 verses 1-2a, 29-32. Listen now to the Word of God.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

[Silence followed by]

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Gradual Hymn: #397 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – {Tune: Nettleton}

Rev. Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, in the 15th Chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse. [Matthew 15:21-28]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before

him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev. Andy O'Donnell

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THANKS TO LOWELL GRISHAM

Claude Dubois

Presider: O God, the loving Creator of all humankind, you have expanded the boundaries of kinship through the abundant compassion of your Son Jesus

Christ: Empower your Church through our ministries of reconciliation as we bring to you our prayers on behalf of the whole world, saying: Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred live together in unity!**

Litanist: Gracious God, awaken your Church to the cries of the suffering, especially our brothers and sisters from other cultures and other faiths, that we may be mediators of your charity and friendship. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred live together in unity.**

Compassionate One, open the ears of the leaders of the nations to hear the voices of the importunate and those who refuse to be silenced, that your children may nevermore be treated as dogs, nor be tossed only the crumbs that fall from the tables of the wealthy and powerful. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred live together in unity.**

Reconciling One, hear our prayers for the families of the world, divided by conflict and mistrust, especially those who suffer from famine, illness, violence, injustice and prejudice: May all feast at your abundant table of friendship. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred live together in unity.**

Unite our community in bonds of charity and friendship, that people of various races, cultures and religions may extend to one another gifts of mutual respect and generosity. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred live together in unity.**

Loving and healing God, extend your hand of mercy to those for whom we pray, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agley family, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, The McConnell family, the Stedman family, Lil

and Joe Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, & Roslyn Macgregor. In the wider community we pray for Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine, Carole Alain, Dr. and Mrs. Patenaude, Jordan, Tamara & Chris Esther, Sylvie & Guy, and Sharron Edmunds Gillis. We raise our voices of thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially for Lorna Young. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred live together in unity.**

Presider: Gracious and Holy One, through your scriptures you have shown us that you have rejected no one and that you offer divine mercy to all humanity: Have mercy upon us as we seek to extend your universal work of reconciliation to all whose lives we touch, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and for 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. We pray also for The Ascension, West Brome (Eastern Townships Regional Ministry) In the world we pray for the The Church of England. 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 the Rev'd Linus Buriani and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy; **Amen**

The service continues on Page 191 with the Confession and Absolution

The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: #007 – New Every Morning is the Love

Prayer over the gifts: Page 375

Eucharistic Prayer #1 on Page 193

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #1, Page 212

Prayer after Communion: Page 375

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Birthdays this week:
Happy Anniversary Trevor & Rachel – Aug. 20th
Happy Anniversary Andy & Lynn – Aug. 22nd
Danielle Bird – Aug. 22nd
Dianne Horley-Tessier – Aug. 24th**

**“Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,
May God’s many blessings
Keep falling on you.”**

Closing Hymn: #LP 22 & MP #59 – Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine

Dismissal

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Pat & Claude.

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