

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



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**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 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: Rev. Bradley Hicks

Organist: Colin Langille

Celebrant: Welcome

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

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

Sentence: **The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord; and you also are witnesses**
{John 15:26-27}

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day: See Page 363

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Devon Phillips

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Genesis, Chapter 21, verses 8-21

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

The child grew and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So, she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So, Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

[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 86 verses 1-10 & 16-17 found on Pages 819 & 820 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end on page 820.

This morning's second reading is taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 6 verses 1B-11.

Listen now to the Word of God.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[Silence followed by]

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Gradual Hymn: #527 – How Firm a Foundation – {Tune: St Denio}

Rev. Bradley Hicks: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, in the 10th Chapter beginning at the twenty-fourth verse. [Matthew 10:24-39]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev. Bradley Hicks

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Dorothy Cunningham

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Holy and Gracious One, you have embraced our lives and our deaths through the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, grant that we may walk in newness of life as we pray for the needs of the world, saying: Give ear, O God to our prayer; **and attend to the voice of our supplication.**

Litanist: Let your resurrection life empower your Church, O Holy One, that all who are baptized into the death of Christ may be dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Give ear, O God to our prayer; **and attend to the voice of our supplication.**

Let your resurrection life renew the face of the earth in every nation, Eternal One, that you may deliver the lives of the needy from the hands of evildoers. Give ear, O God to our prayer; **and attend to the voice of our supplication.**

Let your resurrection life enfold the disinherited, dispossessed, and refugees; those who are cast out and oppressed; those who suffer jealousy and prejudice; mothers and children who are helpless and hopeless: As you care for the fall of the sparrow, keep

watch over the lives of your children and rescue those who suffer. Give ear, O God to our prayer; **and attend to the voice of our supplication.**

Let your resurrection life gladden all souls in our community and inspire us to the challenging faithfulness of living in Christ, walking in the way of the cross, and being free from sin. Give ear, O God to our prayer; **and attend to the voice of our supplication.**

Let your resurrection life accept our prayers and intercessions as the people who acknowledge you: We remember especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agle 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, & John Rennie. 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, Dominique & Carole Alain, Dr. and Mrs. Patenaude, Jordan, Tamara & Chris Esther. Give ear, O God to our prayer; **and attend to the voice of our supplication.**

Presider: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers which we offer to you, and free us through the resurrection of Jesus, that we may lose our lives for the sake of Christ, and live renewed by the glory of the Father, in the unity of the Spirit, 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. We pray also for the Board of Directors, PWRDF, The Rev. Roslyn Macgregor. In the world we pray for The Church of Bangladesh. 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: #306 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - {Tune:Richmond}

Prayer over the gifts: Page 364

****The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Basil Bird from the family.****

Eucharistic Prayer #2 on Page 196

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #3, Page 212

Prayer after Communion: Page 364

Birthdays this week:
Norma McBurney – June 27th
Therese Bergeron – June 27th
Francois Lalonde – June 30th
Barry Wylie – June 30th

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

Closing Hymn: LP #92 & MP #288 – I Need Thy Every Hour

Doxology: Pg 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 215

People: Thanks be to God.

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Barbara & Brenda.

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