

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



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**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 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: #533 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul - {Tune: Aberystwyth}

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

Sentence: **I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.** {John 14.6}

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

**Collect of the day:** See Page 340

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Heather Hancheruk**

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 7, verses 55-60

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

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

*[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 31 verses 1-5,15-16 found on Pages 740 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.***

This morning's second reading is taken from 1Peter, Chapter 2 verses 2-10.

Listen now to the Word of God.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a

holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

[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: #551 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee - {Tune: Olivet}

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 John, in the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the first verse. [John 14:1-14]

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

*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 – Anita Young**

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Gracious and loving God, you have revealed yourself through the compassion and love of your Son Jesus, and you have called us to follow his example as the way, the truth, and the life; incline your ear to us as we pray: Make your face to shine upon your servants **and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

Litanist: You have called your Church to be a royal priesthood, a chosen race, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may build us, like living stones, into a spiritual house: Feed your children with the pure, spiritual milk of your goodness, so that we may grow into the fullness of Christ's stature and do ever greater works in his name. Make your face to shine upon your servants **and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

In you, O God, have we taken refuge; make haste to deliver us. Be a tower of strength to lead and guide all who serve in positions of authority, that they may be instruments of your kindness and may protect all who are wrongly threatened. Make your face to shine upon your servants **and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

Be present in your wondrous power on behalf of any throughout the world who suffer persecution or threat on account of their witness to God and to the compassion and freedom that come from you, that they may see the glory of your presence and be safe within your eternal life. Make your face to shine upon your servants **and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

Show yourself in our community and encourage all troubled hearts, that everyone may see the works of Jesus and know God. Make your face to shine upon your servants **and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

Reveal your glory to all who are ill or who suffer in any way; be their strong rock, a castle to keep them safe, as 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, Leslie Ederer & 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 and Dominique & Carole Alain. Make your face to shine upon your servants **and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

Presider: Gracious and loving One, you have promised through your Son Jesus that you would do whatever we ask in his name so that you may be glorified in the Son: Help us to believe with such purity of heart, that we may only ask what accords with your will, and live in the light of Christ's way and truth and life, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and always. **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 Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission and the International Anglican/Orthodox Dialogues. In the world we pray for The Church of Wales. 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: #300 – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation - {Tune: Westminster Abbey}

**The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Randy Young from Anita, Gord, Lorna and Lindsay.**

**Prayer over the gifts: Page 341**

Eucharistic Prayer #1 on Page 193

**The Lord's Prayer, Page 211**

The Breaking of the Bread #8, Page 213

**Prayer after Communion: Page 341**

**Birthdays this week:  
Cindy Cunningham – May 8th  
John Cunningham – May 8th  
Pauline Drouin – May 9th  
George Luzeski – May 10th  
Christian Arnaudin – May 12th**

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

**Keep falling on you.”**

Closing Hymn: LP #1 & MP #3 – Abba, Father Let it be. Repeat 3 times

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 Betty & Dorothy.

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