

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



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**8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, JULY 23RD, 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. Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Colin Langille

### **Celebrant: Welcome**

Opening Hymn: #262 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - {Tune: St George's Windsor}

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

Sentence: **My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.** {IsaiH 55.11}

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

**Collect of the day:** See Page 369

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** **Betty Cunningham**

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Genesis, Chapter 28, verses 10-19a

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

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

*[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 139 verses 1-12 & 23-24 found on Page 896 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end on page 898.**

This morning's second reading is taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 8 verses 12-25.

Listen now to the Word of God.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[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: #362 – Tell Out, My Soul – {Tune: Woodlands}

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 13th Chapter beginning at the twenty-fourth verse. [Matthew 13:24-30,36-43]

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

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,

"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 – Dorothy Cunningham**

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: As God's children we cry "Abba! Father," letting the Spirit bear witness with our spirit through our prayers in Christ, as we say: The creation waits with eager longing; **for in hope, we were saved.**

Litanist: Gracious One, you have scattered your Church like seed throughout creation: Lead us by your Spirit so that all humanity may be adopted as your own and creation itself be set free from its bondage to decay. The creation waits with eager longing; **for in hope, we were saved.**

Holy One, the nations of the earth grow together in peace and in violence: Guide our leaders and all others in authority away from the spirit of slavery that falls back into fear and lead them into the spirit of adoption that receives freedom as glory for the children of God. The creation waits with eager longing; **for in hope, we were saved.**

Loving One, the whole earth groans in labor pains for the fulfillment of your loving purpose: Bless your offspring and show us your presence with us. The creation waits with eager longing; **for in hope, we were saved.**

Nurturing One, be with this community in our ambiguity and struggle, and grant us patience and perseverance to become the healthy and fruitful people you have called us to be. The creation waits with eager longing; **for in hope, we were saved.**

We bring to this house of God our concerns and our prayers, for you see us and know our needs before we ask. Bless those for whom we pray, 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, Chantal and Pastor Normand Doucette. The creation waits with eager longing; **for in hope, we were saved.**

Presider: Restore creation with your compassion and your judgment O God, that goodness may overcome evil, and healing may transcend brokenness, so that all people may rejoice in their inheritance as your children, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**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 Other Christian Communities, Roman Catholic Mgr Louis Corriveau (Joliette). In the world we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. 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: #434 – The Love of Jesus Calls Us - {Tune:Aurelia}

**Prayer over the gifts: Page 369**

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Eucharistic Prayer #1 on Page 193

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

The Breaking of the Bread #1, Page 212

**Prayer after Communion: Page 369**

**Birthdays this week:  
Tim Sloane – July 24th  
Scott Jutras (Ward) – July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Beatrice Barbier – July 28th**

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

Closing Hymn: LP #9 & MP #30 – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks.

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 Devon.

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