

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

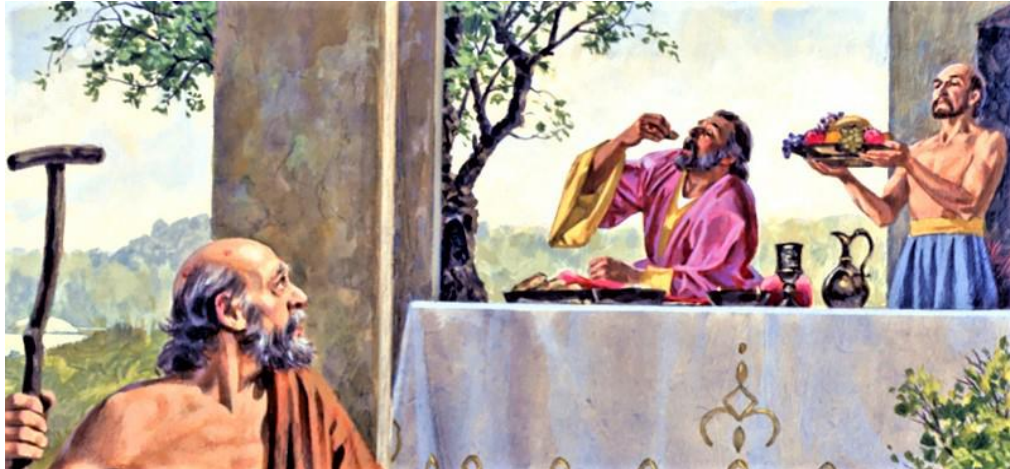


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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)  
16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, Sept. 17th, 2023**

**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.”**

**MORNING PRAYER**  
**Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell**  
**Organist: Colin Langille**

Opening Hymn: #527 – How Firm a Foundation - {alternative Tune: St. Denim}

**Sentence: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.**  
**{John 13:34}**

The service resumes on Page 47 of the BAS [Green book]

The Invitatory: Pentecost #12 [pg. 48]

**Jubilate:** [Psalm 100] [pg. 49]

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**  
**Anita Young**

***The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 114 verses 1-8 starting on Pg. 862 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.***

Today's first reading is taken from Exodus, Chapter 14 verses 19-31

{Exodus 14:19-31}

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

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus, the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So, the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

{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 from Paul's letters to the Romans Chapter 14 verses 1-12  
{Romans 14:1-12}

Listen now for the Word of God...

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

{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: #647 – Spirit of the Living God - {Tune:Living God}

Rev'd 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 18th Chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse. [Matthew 18:21-35]

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith  
**The Apostles' Creed: Page 52**

**Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham**  
**Claude Dubois**

Presider: Our gracious and loving God, you are generous and merciful to forgive our sins and to lead us into freedom: Accept our prayers for all your creation and let your Holy Spirit direct and rule our hearts as we say: Tremble, O earth, **at the presence of God, at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Litanist: Loving One, look upon your church with patience and grant us your divine forbearance, that we may forgive and be forgiven within the abundance of your grace. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Enlighten this nation and our leaders, O Holy One, that we may be a generous people, extending your justice and becoming instruments of your reconciliation. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Visit the earth with your pity and love to relieve all who live with illness, violence, poverty, extreme weather, injustice or oppression, that they may be delivered from their distress. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Inspire this community with your generosity of Spirit, that we may forgive the debts of others even as we have been forgiven. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Hear our prayer for those whom we bring to your steadfast love, especially on behalf of 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, & 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. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Presider: God of Infinite Love, you liberate us from all bondage, and you call us to generosity and grace: Bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives and free us from all division and pride, that we may become your instruments of pardon and peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 Parish of Vaudreuil St. James, Hudson Heights, The Ven Sophie Rolland. In the world we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. 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**

**Offertory Hymn:** #649 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God – {Tune: Trentham}

**Offertory Prayer: Pg. 380**

**Collect: Pg. 380**

**The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54**

**Birthdays this Week**

Sandra Syvret – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

Laura Coward – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

Maureen Poirier – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

**“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 to the Risen Lord

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Blessing: (Officiant)

**All: Amen.**

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Joan.

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