

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, Oct. 1st, 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: #388 – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken – {Tune: Austria Gradual}

Sentence: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.
{John 10.27}

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

The Invitatory: Pentecost #12 [pg. 48]

Venite: [Psalm 95:1-7] [pg. 49]

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Philip

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 25 verses 1-9 starting on Pg.733 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end on Pg. 734.

Today's first reading is taken from Ezekiel, Chapter 18 verses 1-4 & 25-32

{Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32}

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

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise, iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

{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 taken from the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 1-13
{Philippians 2:1-13}

Listen now for the Word of God...

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

{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: #361 – Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me - {Tune: Ecce, Deus}

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 21st Chapter, beginning at the twenty-third verse. [Matthew 21:23-32]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as

a prophet.' So, they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you; the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Ellen Rennie

Presider: Gracious God, you exercise your authority chiefly in showing love through your Son Jesus Christ: Enable us both to will and to work for your good pleasure, that we may serve and pray faithfully, as we say: You guide the humble in doing right **and teach your way to the lowly.**

Litanist: You have called the members of Christ's body to work out our own salvation with reverence and trembling: Encourage us in Christ with the consolation of your love, that we may share your Spirit of compassion. You guide the humble in doing right, **and teach your way to the lowly.**

Inspire our leaders and all who hold authority in the world to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but to serve humanity with humility and grace. You guide the humble in doing right **and teach your way to the lowly.**

Fill the world with your Spirit, that all people may serve others with humble faithfulness. You guide the humble in doing right **and teach your way to the lowly.**

Be with our community that our actions and words may be consistent as we look generously to the interests of our neighbors and the health of our planet. You guide the humble in doing right **and teach your way to the lowly.**

Make our joy complete by bringing your healing love to all for whom we pray 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, Sharron Edmunds Gillis, Frank Schneider, Bernard LaFleur, Nicole Dubois, and Brent O'Donnell. You guide the humble in doing right **and teach your way to the lowly.**

Presider: Through the death and triumphant resurrection of your Son Jesus you have raised all humanity into your divine presence, O Holy One: Be at work in us that we may do your will on earth with joyful and obedient hearts, and share in the consolation of your 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 Church of the Epiphany The Rev. Amy Hamilton and The Rev. Deacon Jean Willcocks. In the world we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. 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: #386 –When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – {Tune: Rockingham}

Offertory Prayer: Pg. 383

Collect: Pg. 383

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Birthdays this Week

Matthew Burelle (Coward) – Oct. 2nd

Trevor Goodfellow – Oct. 2nd

Caroline MacKereth – Oct. 3rd

Belinda Schneider – Oct. 4th

Olga Swenson – Oct. 6th

Troy Goodfellow – Oct. 6th

**“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 Thee Every Hour

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 Jennifer & Martin.

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