

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)  
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 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: #359 – This is the Day – {Tune: This is the Day}

Sentence: **Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.**

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

The Invitatory: [pg. 48]

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.**

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

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**  
**Reader: Holly Dawson**

***The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 95 verses 1 to 11 found on Pg. 833 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 17 verses 1-7

{Exodus 17:1-7}

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

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So, Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

{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 letter to the Romans Chapter 5 verses 1-11

{1Corinthians 1:1-9}

Listen now for the Word of God....

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

{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: #388 – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken- {Tune: Austria}

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 John, in the 4th Chapter, beginning at the fifth verse. [John 4:5-42]

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

So, he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for

salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So, the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows, and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of 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: Loving God, we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand: Hear our prayers as we call upon you, for you are a great God; you are great above all gods. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and **raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Litanist: Gracious One, your Church has been justified by faith, and we have peace with you through Jesus Christ: Nourish us with the water of eternal life and feed us with the bread of Christ, that the Church's food may be to do the will of God and to complete Christ's work. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and **raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Eternal One, give to our leaders the wisdom of Moses and let everyone who holds authority in the world grow in faith, that they may use their power to speak hope to the outcast and

marginal and to bring drink to all who thirst. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and **raise a loud shout with psalms.**

God of Peace and Compassion, let your spirit and truth go forth into the world to uphold and protect vulnerable women, the poor, and those who live in places of strife and conflict. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Nurturing One, let your harvest of righteousness abound in our community that we may be a spring of water gushing to eternal life, bringing comfort, hospitality and relief to all who are near us. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and **raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Healing God, guide all who suffer through the wilderness of their pain, 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 & Al 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 and Veronica Valentine. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and **raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Presider: Guide your Church to draw comfort from the deep wells of your refreshing presence, O God, that we may share in Christ's work of reconciliation and give unto others the living water of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. **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 also pray for St. John, Huntingdon The Ven Michael Robison, Interim Clergy. In the world we pray for The Church of South India (United). 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; **Hear our prayers.**

**Offertory Hymn:** #533 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul – {Tune: Aberystwyth}

**Offertory Prayer**

**Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.**

**Collect**

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

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

**Birthdays this Week**

Dani & Bill Bird Anniversary – March 13th

Donna Lansing – March 14th

Jaxson Bruce Pippis – March 18<sup>th</sup>

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

**Closing Hymn:** #LP #15 – At the Name of Jesus

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Pat & Claude.

Blessing: (Officiant)

**All: Amen.**

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