

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)  
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 14<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: #425 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - {Tune: Hymn to Joy}

**Sentence: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.**  
**{John 14.23}**

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

The Invitatory: Easter #10 [pg. 48]

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

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

***The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 66 verses 8 to 18 found on Pg. 787/88 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.***

Today's first reading is taken from Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 17 verses 22-31  
{Acts 17:22-31}

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

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortal's life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

{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 1 Peter Chapter 3 verses 13-22

{1 Peter 3:13-22}

Listen now for the Word of God...

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

{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: #645 – Come Down, O Love Divine – {Tune: Down Ampney}

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 14th Chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse. [John 14:15-21]

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

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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**

**Lynn Osborne**

Presider: Gracious and Eternal God, reveal your Spirit of truth, the Advocate, whom you have sent to be with us forever, that we may keep Christ's commandment by loving you and our neighbour, as we pray: Bless our God, you people; **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Litanist: Inspire your Church, O Holy One, that with gentleness and reverence we may give an accounting for the hope that is in us. Bless our God, you people: **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Look upon our nation and give your Spirit of truth to all in authority, that you may hold our souls in life and not allow our feet to slip. Bless our God, you people: **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Ruler of heaven and earth in whom all creation lives and moves and has our being, be not far from each living creature, that the earth may be healed, and its people live in confidence. Bless our God, you people: **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Live in us and in our neighbours, and do not leave us orphaned. Come to us and abide with us, that your love may be revealed. Bless our God, you people: **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Hear us, O gracious One, as we offer our intercessions, praying 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, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Leslie Ederer & John Rennie. In the wider community we pray for Ann Hopkins, Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Keith & Beverly Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine, and Dominique & Carole Alain. Bless our God, you people: **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Presider: O God of love, you have taught us that your commandment is fulfilled in loving you and our neighbour: Let your Spirit abide with us, that we may live in you, and you may live in us, 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 Audit Committee Mr. Michael Patry, Chair. In the world we pray for The Church of the Province of West 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**

**Offertory Hymn:** #205 – The Day of Resurrection - {Tune: Ellacombe}

**Offertory Prayer: Pg. 342**

**Collect: Pg. 341**

**The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54**

**Birthdays this Week**

Andre Defpelteau – May 14th

Kenneth Ward – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Christina Nicholson (MacKereth) – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Megan Consentini Rennie – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Valerie Regnier – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Clarence Robinson – May 16<sup>th</sup>

Liam James Dubé – May 19th

Kayla Levine – May 19th

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

**Closing Hymn:** #LP #18 – Because He Lives

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

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

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Lynn & Andy.

Blessing: (Officiant)

**All: Amen.**

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