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CHAMBLY AND GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE**



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 30TH, 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: #001 – Holy, Holy, Holy – {Tune:Nicaea}

Sentence: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
{John 6.68}

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
Reader: Heather Hancheruk

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 128 verses 1 to 6 found on Pg. 886 of the BAS.
We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.

Today's first reading is taken from Genesis, Chapter 29 verses 15-28

{Genesis 29:15-28}

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

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so, he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So, Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go into her, for my time is completed.' So, Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went into her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

{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 8 verses 26-39
{Romans 8:26-39}

Listen now for the Word of God....

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

{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: #379 – Rejoice, the Lord is King – {Tune: Darwall}

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 13th Chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse. [Matthew 13:31-33,44-52]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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: Loving God, you search our hearts, and your Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words: Help us in our weakness to pray according to your will, that our good intentions, planted faithfully in your heart, may quietly and silently leaven the world with your healing grace, as we proclaim: We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; **we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

Litanist: Gracious One, let your Church be as leaven spreading your Spirit throughout creation, that we who are called, justified and glorified may be conformed to the image of your Son. We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; **we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

God of Mercy and Justice, let our nation search for your strength and continually seek your face, that we may be an instrument of peace and reconciliation. We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; **we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

Compassionate One, look upon all who live with hardship, distress and persecution; famine, nakedness, peril and violence; and redeem our world's brokenness with the love

of Christ. We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; **we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

Generous One, bless this community with your abundance, that we may be a field of great value and a people of gracious hospitality. We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; **we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

With mustard-seed faith we bring our concerns to you, O God, trusting that all things work together for good for those who love you, as 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, & Lorna Young. 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. We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; **we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

Presider: With the abundant joy of those who have found great treasure we gratefully acknowledge you, our Creator and Source, trusting that as you have given us your beloved Son, you will also give us everything else that we may need: Confirm our faith that we may grow into the fullness of your Eternal Realm, where you live in loving union with our Savior Jesus Christ and the eternal Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **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 Ecumenical Organisations, The Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, Adriana Bara, Executive Director. In the world we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region, Central de America. 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: #350 –Stand Up and Bless the Lord - {Tune: St. Thomas}

Offertory Prayer: Pg. 372

Collect: Pg. 371

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Birthdays this Week

Richard Stoddart– July 31st

Frank Schneider – Aug. 1st

Michel Hamel – Aug. 2nd

Wendy Agley Rideout – Aug. 3rd

Guyline Gemme – Aug. 5th

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

Closing Hymn: #565 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – {Tune: Cwm Rhonda}

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Gord & Anita.

Blessing: (Officiant)

All: Amen.

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