

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
ASCENSION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 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 Bradley Hicks
Organist: Colin Langille

Opening Hymn: #619 – Fairest Lord Jesus

Sentence: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord: I am with you always, to the close of the age.
{Matthew 28:19,20}

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

The Invitatory: Ascension #11 [pg. 48]

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Reader: Dorothy Cunningham

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 47 verses 1 to 10 found on Pg. 764 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 1 verses 1-11
{Acts 1:1-11}

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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So, when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

{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 Ephesians Chapter 1 verses 15-23
{Ephesians 1:15-23}

Listen now for the Word of God....

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

{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 Bradley Hicks: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, in the 24th Chapter, beginning at the forty-fourth verse. [Luke 24:44-53]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so, stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd Bradley Hicks

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed: Page 52

Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham
Betty Cunningham

Presider: Glorify your Name, O Holy One, and fill the world with your eternal life, that all people may be one in you as you are one in Christ, as we pray: Sing to God; **sing praises to God's Name.**

Litanist: Bless your Church throughout the world, O Gracious One, that she may devote herself to prayer and be your witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Sing to God; **sing praises to God's Name.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, be glad and rejoice, that God may finish the work that Christ began to bring peace and unity to the world. Sing to God; **sing praises to God's Name.**

Father of orphans, defender of widows, look with compassion upon all the people of the world; with your great power restore, support, strengthen, and establish all who suffer or who are marginalized. Sing to God; **sing praises to God's Name.**

Let your Name dwell with us in our community, O Compassionate One, to refresh our land, bless our homes, and make provision for the poor, that we may be one as you are one. Sing to God; **sing praises to God's Name.**

Hear our prayers for all for whom we care, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agley 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. Sing to God; **sing praises to God's Name.**

Presider: Your glory, O God, fills the whole creation: Send your power from on high to illumine the earth with your presence, that we may be one as you and the Son are one, in the strength of your Holy Spirit, for you are 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 pray also for Mile-End Community Mission, Mrs. Linda Hachey and Ms. Lori Olson. In the world we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. 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: #374 – Alleluia! Sing to the Lord - {Tune: Hyfrydol}

Offertory Prayer: Pg. 343

Collect: Pg. 343

The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Hew and Nora Elwood from Joan and Neil. They are also in loving memory of Erika and Peter Hancheruk and their children Suzanne, Peter and Norman from Heather and Sylvia.

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Birthdays this Week

Heather Hancheruk – May 30th

Elliauna Goodfellow – May 30th

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

Closing Hymn: #200 – Great is thy Faithfulness

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of the Slote family.

Blessing: (Officiant)

All: Amen.

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