

Thought for the Week



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St. James Anglican Church

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8th. Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services

The Grace

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect for the Day

(Together): O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. Amen

First Reading

Genesis 29: 15-28

Psalm 105: 1-11,45

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvellous works.

3 Glory in his holy name; * let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgements of his mouth

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; * his judgements prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

(Together): God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-39

Musical Selection: - Chris

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

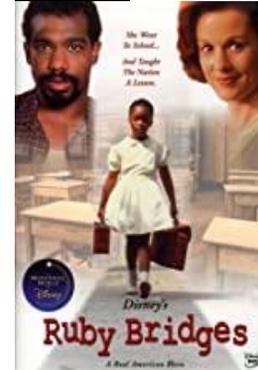
Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

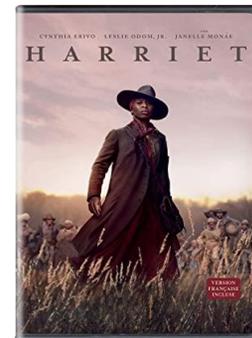
Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Movies to Borrow:



Ruby Bridges - the inspiring true story of one little girl whose strength and dignity during the racially charged 1960s helped change history! When bright six-year-old Ruby is chosen to be the first African-American student to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school, she is subjected to the true ugliness of racism for the very first time. But guided by the love of her mother and father, Ruby's heroic struggle for a better education becomes a lesson for us all. **PG**



Harriet

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, Harriet tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. **PG**



"Betty & Coretta" tells the true stories of Coretta Scott King, wife of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Betty Shabazz, wife of Malcolm X. When their husbands were tragically assassinated, these two women not only inherited the mantle of the civil rights movement in America, each also found herself to be a single mother who had to find a way to raise and support her children with no husband or father, resulting in a relationship like no other that spanned more than three decades. **PG**

Doxology:

Celebrant : Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner

Church News

The Rev. Julian Pillay has been appointed rector of the Parish of Riverview, effective Sept. 1. He leaves the Parish of St. Stephen.

E-offering – Good News! If you are interested in signing up, please see Tim Binks. Brochures are in the vestibule.

Memorial Bulletins – ‘Memorial Bulletin’ are available on a Sunday chosen by the donor to remember loved ones. A memorial notice will be placed in the bulletin for that week. A donation of \$25-50 would be gratefully received. For more information please talk to Loretta or Rev Wendy

St. James Community Breakfast

On the third Saturday of each month, St James Church sponsors a brown bag Community Breakfast at St. George’s Church. Volunteers are needed.

If you can help or for information, please see Rev.Wendy or Donna.

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month – next Sunday.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: Out of your abundance, O God, you bless us and feed us. Have compassion upon the multitudes who need your care, and touch all for whom we pray with the abundance of your grace, as we say: Incline your ear to us and hear our words; **show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

Reader 1: Almighty God, your Church is the Eucharistic community of your Son Jesus Christ, grant us the presence of your Spirit as we take, bless, break and give our lives to your intentions. Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Bishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our Priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. **show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

Reader 2: Loving God, the nations live in fear and anxiety. Visit our leaders and strive with them in their fears, that they may choose your paths of peace and reconciliation.. Incline your ear to us and hear our words.....**show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

Reader 3: Compassionate God, listen to our prayers for all the world, that your abundance may fill those living with scarcity and your presence may bless all people. Incline your ear to us and hear our words.....**show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

Reader 4: Generous God, let your generosity bless this community, that all who are ill may be healed, the hungry fed, and those needing fellowship find steadfast hospitality and care among us Incline your ear to us and hear our words...**show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

Reader 6: Gracious God, with grateful hearts we bring you our thanks, especially for all the primary health care workers who provide their time, energy and expertise Incline your ear to us and hear our words.....**show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

Reader7: Healing God, touch our sorrows and the unceasing anguish of our hearts as we bring our prayers to you, especially for those in our parish family and those on your hearts and minds. We especially remember those all over the world suffering from the Corona Virus, and their families and friends. Eternal God, with faith we remember those who have died, Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Incline your ear to us and hear our words...**show us your marvelous loving-kindness.**

(Together): **Visit us in our fear and fill us with the abundance of your grace, O God, that all the world may feel and know the goodness of your presence, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant; Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together): God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,..... /to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion:

(Together) : God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen

