

## Thought for the Week



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**Visits** - If you know of someone in this Parish who is sick or shut-in and would like a visit, please let us know! Rev Wendy would love to visit.

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## *St. James Anglican Church*

August 23, 2020

12th. 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):, Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### First Reading

Exodus 1: 8- 2: 10

### Psalm 124

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \* let Israel now say;

**2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \* when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \* in their fierce anger toward us;

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \* and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \* have gone right over us.

## Church News

**6 Blessed be the Lord! \* he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \* the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, \* the maker of heaven and earth.**

**(Together): Helper and Defender of Israel, rescue the peoples of the world from destructive anger, and set us free to love and serve each other in the peace of Christ our Lord. Amen**

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

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.**

Vestry Meeting Next Sunday, August 30 – Downstairs after the service. Due to the COVID virus, we will aim to have a 1 hour meeting.

Vestry Vacancies – We need 1 more Vestry member. If you are interested in participating in guiding our parish or if you would like to suggest someone, please speak to Wardens Loretta Laventure or Donna Tower or Rev Wendy.

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

Movies to Borrow: There are a number of movies on racial themes. They are in a basket on the way out.

St. James Community Breakfast – Many thanks to all those who continue to support the continuation of this outreach.

On the third Saturday of each month, we sponsor 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

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

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month

Two Childrens Books Donated – Many thanks to David Ford for donating two beautiful books on racial tolerance. They have been borrowed already but will be available on loan.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
***12th Sunday after Pentecost***

**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, Robert Caddick**

**Priest:** Blessed God, you have revealed yourself through your Son Jesus Christ to be a God of compassion and love: Inspire your church to live in your Spirit as witnesses to your goodness, as we pray: Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Reader 1:** 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. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Reader 2.** Mighty God, you hear the cries of the oppressed and seek the protection of all your children: Confront our leaders and those in power throughout the world with the power of your compassion, that their service may not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of their minds in your love. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Reader 3.** Ever-present God, you see all injustice and hear the cries of those who suffer: Bind the hands of the oppressors and loose the victims of harsh taskmasters, that all who are misused in their labor and their lives may be free to experience everything that is good and acceptable and perfect. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Reader 4.** Gracious God, be present in this community to inspire us to serve one another with the gifts you have given us and to live together with generous humility. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Reader 5.** Gentle God, you unite us as many members into one body in Christ: Empower our gifts and reconcile our differences that we may witness to Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Receive our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially for those on our parish prayer list...(add names known).

Hear our thanksgiving for all the blessings we enjoy. Embrace in heaven those who have died. May thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

**(Together):** Triune God, your love fills the whole creation and prevails against the gates of death: Fill us with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may be faithful ministers of your truth and generous servants of your compassion, through Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God. **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 glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this 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): Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**