

## 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 30, 2020

13th. 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): Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 3: 1-15

### Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 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.

**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.**

23 Israel came into Egypt, \* and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \* he made them stronger than their enemies;**

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \* and dealt unjustly with his servants

**26 He sent Moses his servant, \* and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

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 12: 9-21**

**Musical Selection: -**

**Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28**

**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.**

## **Church News**

**Vestry Meeting Today, 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.

**Family Eucharist – Sunday Sept 20**

**The Rev Dana Dean** – Sends his love and regards to us. He is recovering well and appreciates our prayers.

**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 receive. Please talk to Loretta or Rev Wendy

**Food Bank Sunday – Next Sunday – 1st 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.

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**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:** Gracious Giver of all good things, through your Son you have called us to take up our cross and to give our lives for the sake of Christ: Hear the cries of your suffering people through all the earth; grant us zeal to serve you and to rejoice in hope, saying: We give you thanks, O God, **and call upon your Name.**

**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. We give you thanks, O God, **and call upon your name.**

**Reader 2:** Observe the misery of all who suffer from harsh taskmasters or from injustice or genocide. Hear their cries and come quickly to their rescue. We give you thanks, O God, **and call upon your name.**

**Reader 3:** Guard us from being stumbling blocks to those among whom we live, and guide us to serve our neighbors humbly in the power of the cross. We give you thanks, O God, **and call upon your name.**

**Reader 4:** Inspire our community to set our minds on divine things as we bring our concerns to you, especially for those on our parish prayer list...(add names known). We thank you for your radiant presence

among us and for all our gracious blessings. We return to you the lives to those who have followed Jesus into the glory of his Father. We give you thanks, O God, **and call upon your name.**

**(Together): We take up the cross of our intercession and service to you, O God, as we bring before you the suffering of the world: Let the power of Christ's resurrection bring your justice and glory into all creation, as we share our part in the redeeming work of Christ's cross, through the power of the Spirit, glorifying your Name in all the world. 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): Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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): Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

