

Thought for the Week



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St. James Anglican Church

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14th. 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): Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen

First Reading

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgement decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

(Together): Accept our praise, God of justice, defender of the oppressed. Give us grace to join in this your holy work, that all the world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-14

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

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.

Church News

A 5-week online study on God and the Pandemic by N.T. Wright will be hosted by Archbishop David on Wednesdays evenings, September 23 - October 21. For more information go to this link or the Diocesan Website. <https://nb.anglican.ca/events/god-and-the-pandemic/2020-09-23>

Mobile medical clinic - Fundraiser The Diocese of Fredericton is partnering with our Companion Diocese of Ho in Ghana, the Ho Teaching Hospital, Rotary Clubs to buy and equip a mobile medical clinic to bring basic health care to the 2,000,000 rural people in the Diocese. Our vestry voted to donate \$250. This was matched by the ACW for a total of \$500 donated by St James. If you wish to donate, you may do so online or by cheque payable to the Diocese of Fredericton...noting on it 'Diocese of Ho Mobile Medical Clinic'. St James will forward your donation cheques to the Synod office.

COVID-19 is severely affecting the Diocese of Ho. Please pray for the Diocese of Ho, and for the staff of the Teaching Hospital of Ho who are under much pressure.

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. More coming

St. James Community Breakfast – Many thanks to all those who continue to support 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, please see Rev. Wendy or Donna

Memorial Bulletins – 'Memorial Bulletin' are available on a Sunday chosen by the donor to remember loved ones For more information please talk to Loretta or Rev Wendy

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month

Another Book Donated – Many thanks to David Ford for donating another beautiful book on racial tolerance. This one is by Ruby Bridges herself with photos of her historic part in de segregating schools.

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

Many thanks to Dave Beals for caretaking and purging activities at St James during the past few months! He gave our premises a lot of 'tender loving care'. We are forever grateful!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: God our Sustainer, you have promised that whenever two or three are gathered in your name, you are among us: Unite your church as we bring our prayers to you, saying: Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; **sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

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. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; **sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Reader 2. Mighty One, you call our nation and the leaders of the world to fulfill your law by loving our neighbor as our selves: Give courage to the powerful to lay aside the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, that they may mediate your peace and love. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; **sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Reader 3. Loving God, you bring the oppressed into freedom and work for the liberation of all: Hear the cries of all who suffer and lead them to a place of feasting and celebration for the day of their deliverance. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; **sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Reader 4. Uniting God, you call us to reconciliation and peace within our community, and you command us to love one another: Let your graciousness dwell in this city, that we may live honorably and generously. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; **sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Reader 5. Compassionate One, you invite our neighbors into the circle of your divine love: Hear our prayers for those who are near and far, especially for those on our parish prayer list...*(add names known)*. We sing our songs of thanksgiving to you for all the blessings of this life. We remember before you those who have entered into your heavenly feast. Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; **sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Layreader. Open our eyes, dear God, to see that the night is far gone and the day is close, that your salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers: Clothe us with the armor of light, that we may put on the Lord Jesus Christ and live in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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): Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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): Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen