

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

September 13, 2020

15th. 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, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 14: 19--31

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God’s sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob.

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring

(Together): Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

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



Family Eucharist – Next Sunday, Sept 20

Our usual Eucharist format with a child friendly message.

You are invited!!!

**Students please bring your backpacks
for a special blessing for school!**

**Cold drinks and pre packaged snacks will be served outside after
the service.**

Vestry Meeting Sunday, September 27 – Downstairs after the service. Due to the COVID virus, our aim is a 1 hour meeting.

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

Three 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: : Our gracious and loving God, you are generous and merciful to forgive our sins and to lead us into freedom: Accept our prayers for all your creation and let your Holy Spirit direct and rule our hearts as we say: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

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. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Reader 2: Enlighten this nation and our leaders, O Holy One, that we may be a generous people, extending your justice and becoming instruments of your reconciliation. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Reader 3. Visit the earth with your pity and love to relieve all who live with violence, poverty, injustice or oppression, that they may be delivered from their distress. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Reader 4. Inspire this community with your generosity of Spirit, that we may forgive the debts of others even as we have been forgiven.

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Reader 5. Hear our prayer for those whom we bring to your steadfast love, especially for those on our parish prayer list... (*add names known*). Let every tongue praise you for your goodness. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. We remember those who are the Lord's possession through death. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

(Together): Gracious and Loving God, you liberate us from all bondage and you call us to generosity and grace: Bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives and free us from all division and pride, that we may become your instruments of pardon and peace, in the power of the 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): Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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): God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

