



St. James Anglican Church

August 22 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services

Processional Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King RB-01

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: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

Clergy

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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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6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

(Together): **God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize your dwelling-place in the love, generosity, and support of those with whom we share our journey, and help us to worship you in our response to those who need our care; for all the world is your temple and every human heart is a sign of your presence, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Gradual Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness RB- 262

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

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

You asked about heaven and death. This is what is written in the Book of Alternative Services in the section on Funerals. Many attitudes to death in the Bible!

The Bible reflects many attitudes to death, ranging from belief that death is a judgement for sin (and its prolonged deferral a reward for righteousness), through resigned acceptance of the inevitable and inexplicable, to the belief in the goodness of both the Creator and the creation which eventually found expression in a theology of resurrection.

A Christian attitude to death is inseparable from the biblical accounts of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his followers' experience of the saving power of his renewed presence. Yet even on this central issue the *biblical account is varied*. The fourth Gospel sees the whole of Jesus' ministry as an expression of glory in which death itself is an act of triumph and resurrection an inevitable conclusion. The cry of abandonment in Matthew and Mark and of resignation in Luke reflect another perception of Jesus' experience of death. Early Christians who expected the imminent return of the Lord were particularly threatened by the death of fellow-believers who might, it was assumed, be deprived of full participation in the realization of the new age. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews developed a theology of the death of Jesus as a "school of suffering." And so on. There is no single biblical attitude to death, not even to the death of Jesus. The biblical narratives and letters reflect **a mixture of grief and hope, suffering and glory**. This mixture is found in Jesus' attitude to his own death and in his followers' attitude to his death and the death of other members of their company. 1

1 Schuyler Brown, "Bereavement in New Testament Perspective," Worship, Vol 48, No. 2, pp 93-98

Church News

PWRDF accepting donations for Haiti earthquake relief

via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)
PWRDF is accepting donations to respond to the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that rocked the Caribbean nation of Haiti on Saturday morning. Early counts report more than 200 people have died.

Prayer during COVID

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all and through all. We lift our world before you as we continue to journey through the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and all essential workers. We give you thanks for the vaccines now available and for those responsible for their development and distribution. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Vestry Meeting – Sunday, August 29 - Downstairs after the service. One day Parish Retreat will be discussed.

Live Stream Morning and Evening Prayer – St George's Moncton
Denise Martin and Rev Wendy will be participating in Live Stream Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm at St George's if you care to tune in. <https://vimeo.com/stgeorgesmoncton>

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna.

Communitiy Breakfast – Collecting clean socks and clothes for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Please place donations in the basket in the vestibule. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sept 18.

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month. Thanks for your donations and continued support!!!

Prayers of the People

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: Living Father, Holy Wisdom, you have come to us in Jesus as the living bread given for the life of the world: Accept our prayers on behalf of the whole human family, that all may abide in you, and live, and walk in your ways, as we pray; Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

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 Archbishop, 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. Nurture your Church, O Christ, with the food and drink of eternal life as we celebrate our Eucharist on this feast day of your resurrection: Fill us with your Spirit as we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ**

Reader 2: Guide the leaders of this nation and all who wield power and authority in the world, that they may have wisdom and understanding to discern between good and evil. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

Reader 3: Invite our community to the banquet of your divine life, to know the works of your hands, which are faithfulness and justice, full of majesty and splendor. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

Reader 4: Let your nurturing life renew and strengthen those for whom we pray, especially (Add Prayer List. We thank you for the living bread that came down from heaven; hear our prayers of gratitude. We commit to your never failing heart those who have died. May they abide in you and rejoice at the banquet of eternal life. Feed your creation with your eternal life; **abide in us, O Christ.**

(Together): Generous God, you call all people into your banquet to eat and drink of the true food and true drink that you give for the life of the world: Bless our celebration with the power of your presence, that we may grow in wisdom and faithfulness all our days, 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.

Musical Selection

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.

Musical Selection:

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.

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

Come Let Us Sing RB- 126

Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Beth, Bill, George, Ann, Jason.