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St. James Anglican Church

August 29 2021

14th. Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services

Processional Hymn: Praise My Soul RB-30

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: Song Of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honours those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent

7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

(Together): God of love, teach us to walk blamelessly in your ways, that our whole life may be established in you, and that we may come to the place prepared for us by your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Second Reading: James 1: 17-27

Gradual Hymn My Faith Looks Up To Thee RB- 285

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Further reflection on death and funerals from the Book of Alternative Services in the section on Funerals. (p. 566)

This note of thanksgiving even in a time of tears explains, in part, the ancient association of Christian funerals with celebrations of the eucharist. Thanksgiving for the death and victory of the Christ vibrates with different and more basic tones at the time of the death of a fellow disciple. Further, the bread and wine of holy communion, that foretaste of the messianic banquet, convey an experience of the solidarity of the Christian community which is particularly appropriate to the moment. All our experience of the kingdom of God takes place between the poles of “already” and “not yet,” a tension which is only temporarily resolved for us when we remember with thanks the basic Christian story, and in the case of a funeral, the story of this particular Christian as well.

Christian funerals have been shaped over the centuries by a variety of notions of what happens to those who have died. In earlier centuries the idea of solidarity was paramount: the Church was a single body moving towards an ultimate destiny which neither living nor dead had yet experienced. This view of things gradually gave way to a more individualistic preoccupation with immediate personal destiny. Pagan influences also entered the scheme and it is sometimes unclear if prayers for the rest and peace of the deceased were intended to secure their welfare or the protection of their survivors. Certainly much Christian piety became an expression of identification with the individual soul in its ongoing purification and development rather than with the whole redeemed humanity of which that individual is a significant but not distinguishable member.²

² Cf. John P. Meier, “Catholic Funerals in the Light of Scripture,” *Worship*, Vol. 48, No. 4, 1974, pp. 206–216

Church News

Heavenly humour - A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

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.

Vestry Meeting – Today, 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 – Next Sunday - First Sunday of the Month.
Thanks for your donations and continued support!!!

Prayers of the People

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: Your words are spirit and life, O God: Heed the cry and the prayer that your servants speak to you today as we stand before your altar in the presence of the assembly, saying: Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader 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. Gracious One, your Church declares with boldness the mystery of the gospel as we put on the whole armor of God in the strength of your divine power: Gird your people with the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, that we may stand firm in Christ's Word of love and compassion. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader 2: Almighty One, let your word be confirmed before the rulers and authorities of the world, that they may walk before you with all their hearts and be instruments of your mercy and peace. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader 3: Compassionate One, though all creation cannot contain you, you come to abide with us and to hear the prayers of the foreigner as well as the prayers of your people.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader 4: Loving One, let your eyes be open night and day toward this house and this community that your name may dwell with us to bless all your creation. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader 5: Hear our prayer and supplication for all who are in need, especially (add Parish List). Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs. Accept our grateful thanks for all the blessings of our life. They will climb from height to height. We remember before you today those who have died. Our souls desire and long for your courts; happy are they who dwell in your house. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

(Together): Your Spirit, O God, gives life through Jesus, the bread that came down from heaven: Give us the words of eternal life, that we may believe and know that Christ is the Holy One of God who brings us spirit and life, in your Holy Name. 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): 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.

Musical Selection:

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.

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

Lead On O King Eternal RB- 173

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