

WELCOME TO
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
July 31, 2022, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude & Welcome

Opening Hymn: #422 God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty

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.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God,

ALL: 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.

Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Hosea 11:1-11, read by Jeanette Buckingham

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord. The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107, 1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

He led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11, read by Harry Kirkland

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: #104 Joy Shall Come

The Gospel Reading

Wisdom Kate: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

Wisdom Kate: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone from the crowd pushed forward and said to him, “Wisdom-keeper, tell my brother to give me my part of what our father left to us.”

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to him, “Who made me the one to decide this between you and your brother? Watch your step, or greed will make you stumble. Remember, one’s life is not made up of many possessions.”

There were many people in the crowd who heard what he said about possessions, so he told this story to help them see more clearly.

“A man with many possessions had a field that was growing a great harvest of food. ‘What will I do with all this food?’ he said to himself. ‘I have no room in my storage barns for this great harvest.’

“The man thought about it and then said to himself again, ‘I know what I will do, I will tear down my old storage barns and build larger ones. I will have enough to last me many winters. Then I will take my rest, eat, drink, and celebrate.’

“But the Great Spirit said to him, ‘Why are you being so foolish? This is the day you will cross over to death and give an answer for your life. Now who will get the goods you have stored up for yourself?’”

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) let the people think about the story, and then he said, “This is how it will be for the ones who make themselves rich but forget about Creator’s true riches.”

Wisdom Kate: The Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: REV. SHEILA HAGAN BLOXHAM

Music for Reflection: #113 Come O Lord and Set Us Free

The Apostles' Creed

CELEBRANT: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**ALL: 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: LED BY MARY NELSON

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.

ALL: Most merciful God, 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.

ALL: Amen.

The Peace

CELEBRANT: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord by waving.)

Offertory Hymn: #375 At the Name of Jesus

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

ALL: God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. . . . Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of your glory are full. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise. . . . All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRANT: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by crossing your arms over the chest.

Please feel welcome to use this prayer if you are joining worship online:

My Jesus, I believe that you offer yourself to us in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you and desire to receive you into my soul. Since at this moment I cannot receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, believing you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separate from you. Amen.

Agnus Dei, Common Praise #747

ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music during Communion

Hymn after Communion: #577 God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer after Communion

CELEBRANT: God of grace,

ALL: we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Glory to God

ALL: 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

CELEBRANT: God, the gracious giver of all good gifts, guide you into the ways of goodness and generosity; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. And may you always know how beautiful and beloved you are in God's sight.

ALL: Amen.

Final Hymn: #484 In Christ There is No East or West

Dismissal

CELEBRANT: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to everyone who assisted in worship today!

Prayers

In our prayers, we remember those in need:

David, Erin, Nicole, Leanne, Mike, Richard, Lorne, Adriana, Mike, Ava, Grace, Lorraine, Shawna, Sharon, Danielle, Neville, Eli, Mel, and Ann Marie.

In our world:

The Territory of the People: the Rev. Canon Len Fraser, Territory Administrator; the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Assisting Bishop to the Metropolitan. St. Augustine Parkland, Spruce Grove: Neil Gordon (s. Susan Bercov), Interim Priest-in-Charge; Lesley Hand (s. Charles), Honorary Assistant. Buyé Diocese, Murehe Parish: Alexis Nzoyisaba, Rector. Cold Lake First Nations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Maddie On Holiday – July 17 to August 10

Rev. Maddie will be on holiday from July 17th to August 10th. Rev. Sheila Hagan Bloxham will cover pastoral emergencies and can be reached at 780-719-8753.

Pastoral Emergencies – Rev. Sheila – July 17 – August 10

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Schedule/Admin/Bulletins, etc. – July 17 to August 10

For all questions related to the schedule, bulletins, setting up for Sundays and church related administration, please contact Lynne Reckhow at lreckhow@yahoo.ca (or (780) 721-0578. E-mail will often get you a faster response 😊).

Social Justice Team

Social Justice Team: our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 16th at 7pm via Zoom. We'll talk about next steps for our team, co-ordinating with our diocesan Social Justice ministry, and what clean water advocacy could look like, moving forward.

Online Giving & E-Transfers

Regarding the financial life of our community, for those among us asking about e-transfers as a way to give: our e-transfer email address is stgeorgeedmonton@gmail.com.

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