

# St. George's Anglican Church

## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017



Office: 519-376-3287  
Monday, 9.00-12.00 noon

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30 – 4:30

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**8.30 Holy Communion** (The Book of Common Prayer)

**Readings For Today:**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thess 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:-13

**Readings For Next Sunday:**

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thess 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**Prayer of the Day (Collect)**

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**10.30 Holy Eucharist** (The Book of Alternative Services)

| READERS                     | PRAYERS        | GREETERS/SOUND                        | COMMUNION                                      | LAY LEADER |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| John Hull<br>Marilyn Gamble | Ruth Henderson | David & Anne Asten<br><br>David Asten | Bob Henderson<br>Ruth Henderson<br>Daphne Ives | Pat Brown  |

**Prelude:**

**Announcements**

**Processional Hymn: #**

**The Gathering of the Community** (p. 185)

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.

### Prayer of the Day (Collect)

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### Children's Focus

**Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

**Reader: A Reading from Joshua**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

**Reader** May God's Word live in us

**People** And bear much fruit

#### Psalm 78:1-7

1. Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—
3. that which we have heard and known, and what our fore-bears have told us, we will not hide from their children.
4. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done. **R**
5. The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel, commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;

6. that the generations to come might know, and the children | yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7. so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments. **R**

**New Testament Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18**

**Reader: A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Reader** May God's Word live in us

**People** And bear much fruit

**Gradual Hymn: #**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:-13**

**Gospeller** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**People:** Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of Christ

**People:** Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ



**Homily – Graham Bland**



**Confession and Absolution**

**Presider:** Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

*Prsider:*

Most merciful God,

**All:**

**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.**

*Priest:*

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. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

*A brief silence.*

Awaken your church to be ready to respond when Christ meets us in the cries of those in need. We lift up the church's mission of care through Lutheran World Relief and other agencies (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for natural resources like oil, coal, trees, sun, water, and wind. Help us to use them wisely. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Answer the cries of your people in nations caught in war and destruction (*especially*). Hold in your care all veterans and their families. Ease the burden of tough memories and bring restoration and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Shine your merciful and healing light on the despairing places of our minds and souls. Bring hope in the midst of danger, depression, and illness. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless those who prepare for marriage or who have been married in this place. Strengthen all bonds of friendship and relationship in our community. Give us joy in life together. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Keep us alert for Christ's coming, sustained by the promise that we will be reunited with all the faithful who have died (*especially*). Thank you for their lives of witness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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### **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: #**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer D from The Church of England**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

**In God's name is coming the One whom we call blessed,  
Hosanna in the highest. Praise and thanks to God.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you  
all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (p. 211)

**The Breaking of the Bread** (p. 213)

*Presider* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

*All* **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**The Communion**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn # 747 Jesus, Lamb of God**

*(Please carry a tissue if you would like to receive anointing at communion)*

~Healing Ministry - the laying on of hands with prayer for healing is offered in the All Saints'  
Chapel for those who wish to receive~

**Communion Hymns: #**

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**Prayer after Communion**

*Presider:* All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All:** **And your faithful servants bless you.  
Gracious God we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Eucharistic Ministers this week**

**David Caudwell/Beverly Morley & Elaine Paton /Lyn Sowden**

**Recessional Hymn: #**

*Dismissal:* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**Response:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:**

*~ Come and enjoy the ongoing celebration in the Parish Hall ~*

***Please thank your Coffee Hour hosts, for their donations of refreshments.  
Donnie Nichol, Darlene Watts, Kim Green, Helen & Glenn Morrison***

**Schedule for next Sunday, November 19**

| READERS | PRAYERS | GREETERS/SOUND | COMMUNION | LAY LEADER |
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***Your Coffee Hour hosts for November 19 will be  
Mary Basinger, Beverly Morely, Brenda Meades, Betty Fellows***