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## Wednesday Service

*July 20, 2022*

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Anointing

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling

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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,

**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.**

**KYRIE: Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT

**All: Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE PSALMS**

**Psalm 49**

Leader: Hear this, all you peoples;

**People: listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor alike**

Leader: My mouth will speak words of wisdom;

**People: the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.**

Leader: I will turn my ear to a proverb;

**People: with the harp I will expound my riddle:**

Leader: Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—

**People: those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?**

Leader: No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—

**People: the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—so that they should live on forever and not see decay.**

Leader: For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish,  
**People: leaving their wealth to others.**

Leader: Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations  
**People: though they had named lands after themselves.**

Leader: People, despite their wealth, do not endure;  
**People: they are like the beasts that perish.**

Leader: This is the fate of those who trust in themselves,  
**People: and of their followers, who approve their sayings.**

Leader: They are like sheep and are destined to die;  
**People: death will be their shepherd (but the upright will prevail over them in the morning).**

Leader: Their forms will decay in the grave,  
**People: far from their princely mansions.**

Leader: But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead;  
**People: he will surely take me to himself.**

Leader: Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendor of their houses increases;  
**People: for they will take nothing with them when they die, their splendor will not descend with them.**

Leader: Though while they live they count themselves blessed—  
**People: and people praise you when you prosper**

Leader: they will join those who have gone before them, who will never again see the light of life.  
**People: People who have wealth but lack understanding are like the beasts that perish.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Romans 4:13-23

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 26:57-68**

*(All stand for the Gospel)*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

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

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally, two came forward and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered. Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Susan Snelling

*God who calls us into relationship, may my words and the thoughts in our hearts and minds be pleasing in your sight. Amen.*

The two readings for today focus on judgement. In the gospel reading, we heard about Jesus on trial before the Sanhedrin. The judgement in the trial would lead to an acquittal of Jesus or a guilty verdict which could mean the death penalty. It is clear in this piece of scripture that there is a system in place for passing judgement on others. Key players have roles to fulfill in outlining the charge against Jesus and deciding how to interpret the charge - resulting in an answer to the question - Did the accused do what he is reported to have done?

In the letter to the Romans, Paul is attempting to provide some direction for those who want to be followers of Jesus. Things are a little more complicated in this instance - making it more difficult to discern innocence or guilt. Paul is concerned about Christians putting up stumbling blocks or obstacles in front of others who are trying to take on a new system of beliefs. The question put before the former Jews and new Christians in Rome is - Am I hindering someone else in their attempts to follow Christ? The truth is we can all throw up obstacles to faith. We can make it hard for others to live up to our standards - our human standards - which are often not God's standards.

Paul wants to remind his listeners that it is possible for them to judge others without even realizing what they are doing. He uses the example of dietary laws which the Jewish people had adhered to before Christ's death and resurrection but which Christians made up of former Jews and Gentiles did not follow. When the two groups former Jews and Gentiles were together, he suggested perhaps it would be better to serve no meat, in order that all would feel comfortable. Rather than making a big deal about who was eating what. Such a discussion could cause dissension and be interpreted as being judgemental about certain people.

For the building up of the community, having people feel included and comfortable is much preferred. In this way an open and inviting atmosphere is evident. Jesus was attempting to create such an atmosphere during his lifetime. To reduce the obstacles and stumbling blocks that prevented people from being fully accepted and committed to following God. His efforts were clearly not well received by those in authority who felt threatened by the ministry and mission of Jesus.

In Romans 14 verses 17-18 Paul gets to the crux of the matter:

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by humankind.

Jesus at his trial and Paul in his letter are trying to establish a community: of right relationship between God and humanity as well as between humans; of peace and good will among those people; and of joy and gratitude because of all God has done/ is doing/ and will do for them. Such a community is uplifting and inspiring for everyone.

The reason that the Pharisees, some members of the church in Rome, and some of us may feel threatened by this is because in order to opt in we are faced with the question:

What must I lose?

In a culture which values social standing based on a particular set of criteria, we may be hesitant or even resistant to lose anything. What will others think? is a common consideration. Or how will I fit in? How much do I care about an issue? Can I practice what I am comfortable with in private, in my own home, and be a little bit more flexible when I am in public - if the trade-off is someone else's participation?

We know that Jesus removed obstacles and stumbling blocks that had traditionally kept people out of his religious belief system. His emphasis for the most part was on inviting people into the process of establishing a community of righteousness, peace, and joy. A community in which all would be reconciled to God. God as love not a God of judgement and condemnation.

Paul in his travels also sought to preach the gospel in foreign lands and draw people into communities of faith based on the principles of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection - righteousness, peace, and joy.

God's Good News was/ is intended for everyone. I think we have learned to be more loving, forgiving, and compassionate over the past 50 years, but we still have a long way to go before we will achieve God's hopes for creation. Perhaps the biggest obstacles and stumbling blocks are the ones we have created in our own minds. How do we decide who is in and who is out? Do we sometimes feel that we are out or there is no way we could ever be in? Over the next two weeks, the bishops of the worldwide Anglican communion will assemble in Lambeth for a conference. There has been much dissension and division within the group of individuals and the churches they represent for at least the past 20 years. Some bishops may not attend because of this. However, the bigger objective overarching the conference is that God loves all the bishops and the churches they represent, and God calls all of them and us to find ways of creating right relationships, peace, and joy.

It will be hard work for those assembled at Lambeth and it is hard work for us in our little corners of the world. Dissension within families, at workplaces, within our churches, in our political system, between nations. It is all around us! We have no shortage of work to do just as those first followers in Rome did or those living in Jesus's day did.

If we are to live with the mind of Christ, then we too should be trying to remove rather than create or perpetuate obstacles and stumbling blocks that stand in the way of others, preventing them from fully experiencing the love and mercy of God, the call to follow, the gift of forgiveness.

Let us pray.

God of vulnerability,  
You have created us to be in  
Relationship with you  
And you call us to create  
Communities of righteousness, peace, and joy.  
Grant us wisdom and courage to recognize and work to remove  
obstacles and stumbling blocks  
that we have created to keep  
others out.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, our brother and pattern.

**People:** Amen

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#4 Litany)

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “**Lord, hear and have mercy.**”)

**Leader:** We pray for all who confess the name of Christ; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy; be their joy and their strength.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression; grant them your salvation.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who are dying; show them your kindness and mercy.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** We pray for one another; may we always be united in service and love.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war and injustice.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern, may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Leader:** May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ’s saints.

**People:** **Lord, hear and have mercy. 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.

*(Silence is kept.)*

**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.**

THE PEACE:

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also, with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

**All:** **O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #5:

**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, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant:** You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**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.**

**Celebrant:** we give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cared for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**People: 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.**

## BREAKING OF BREAD #2:

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.**

## LAMB OF GOD:

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**All:** O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### THE DOXOLOGY:

**All:** Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

### NOTICES:

### BLESSING:

**Officiant:** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People:** Amen.

### DISMISSAL:

**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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### Assisting today:

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Susan Snelling

### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Maseno East (Kenya)

### In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Trinity Church, Barrie

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Virginia; June Hinkson; The Bertelsen Family; The Ellis/Hillyard Family; Gail Jones; Boutier family; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Toby; Brody; Peggy Russell; Linda; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Lequita Adkins; Stephanie; Maggie Prentice; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Phil & Kathy C.; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.

## **Pass The Word**

July 20, 2022

### **Funerals**

Martin Bertelsen's funeral will be held at St. Margaret's on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday Service**

The Wednesday service for July 27<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled as that is the week of our Summer Day Camp. The service can be viewed online.

### **Summer Camp Supplies**

Just a reminder that for the next couple of weeks we are looking for jar lids and tin cans (washed with labels removed please). Please just put them in a bag and leave on table outside my office. Many thanks. Colleen

### **Summer Day Camp Volunteers**

Still time to volunteer to help with the camp for the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> please speak to Rev. Susan. We can always use more hands to assist. Thank you.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Please join us at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August for our monthly men's breakfast at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street. Please contact Canon Simon at [priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:priest-stmargaretbarrie@toronto.anglican.ca) for more information or to join the breakfast via Zoom.

### **Effect Hope**

"Effect Hope" (Leprosy Mission) continues to collect stamps. Thank you to St. Margaret's. Keep up the worthwhile work. Please mind your stamp borders (1/4" surround borders needed). There is a sample shown on the Leprosy Envelopes on the Anglican Bulletin Board in front of the office. Thank you for your help.

**Daily Devotions** – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St. Margaret's and Trinity – contact Norm Savill [nsavill@bell.net](mailto:nsavill@bell.net) to be included or check the parish websites.

## **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service. – Out for summer.

## **Rhubarb**

If anyone has rhubarb, that they would like to donate to the church, we would appreciate receiving it for pie making for our Christmas Bazaar. It can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you.

## **Book Club**

We will resume book club in September.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: [michelle\\_e\\_sinclair@yahoo.ca](mailto:michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca) OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

## **Messy Church**

Our next Messy Church will resume in September. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music, and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

## **Movie Nights**

**We are going to alternate between Friday and Thursday nights for movies as we have some who would like to come out but can't make it on Fridays.**

Thursday, **July 21**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – **“Did You Hear About the Morgans?”** A comedy starring Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sam Elliot, Mary Steenburgen.

**\*\*\*\*We would really appreciate donations to the foodbank for Movie Nights.\*\*\*\***

## **Covid Update**

We have returned to the Green Phase in our Diocesan response to Covid. This means that all restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. This means that we will need to exercise our own discretion and care and that we will need to respect the choices that others make. We will do our utmost to retain a safe and healthy space for worship and community activities. We will reintroduce the Common Cup for the Eucharist and coffee hour after services in June once we have ironed out some of the logistics of what that will take. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry.

## **Covid Shot Update**

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. If you have already told us of your first two shots, thank you. If you have had any others since your 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, can you please bring in your confirmation showing the dates so we can update your record. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.