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## Wednesday Service

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Canon Simon Bell

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Celebrant: As we begin this service let us pray:

**People:** Holy Creator, you made all people in every land in your image and entrusted them with care of the earth you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of the first peoples who dwelt on this land we are on, the Huron-Wendt, Odawa (oh-da-wah) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations and the land subject to Treaty 16 of the Upper Canada Treaties, also known as the Lake Simcoe Purchase of 1815.

Give us penitent hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness, that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our community and in the Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts, that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name, in the name of the Son and the Sacred Spirit.

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, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; 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 128

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your

house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus, shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

**People:        Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **THE READINGS**

#### *A reading from Romans 7:13-25*

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

The word of the Lord.

**People:        Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [21:33-46]

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

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Canon Simon Bell

### **The capacity to do good**

Sin, within a Biblical framework, is our inability to love God with every ounce of our being and to love our neighbour as ourself. Paul, in his letter to the church in Rome, points out that the Hebrew Law, in and of itself, is not wrong or bad or something that makes us do wrong or sin. But simultaneously, it does not give us the capacity, in and of itself, to do what is right but shows us how wrong we are. It illuminates the wrong we do and brings us to a point of frustration with our human capacity to do what is good.

Sin could be understood in two ways. Firstly, it can be understood as an act that is not loving toward God or my neighbour or the incapacity to act or the failure to act in love. The very wording of the Confession in the Eucharistic liturgy carries that sense: “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.” These are what we might call sins of commission where we do what is unloving and sins of omission where we fail to do what is loving.

But sin could also be understood as an internal inclination to do that which is not loving or fail to do what is loving. Theologically this has been referred to as “original sin” and assumed to be a universal human condition. During the Reformation this was one of the key theological debates, the degree of human “deprivation”. The Swiss Reformer Calvin argued for “total depravity”, the idea that even when we do good as humans we do so for selfish reasons. There were other Reformers, like John Wesley, who argued that while humans had an inclination for evil or wrong or sin, they also had a profound capacity to do good. That theological conversation became secularized in Sociology in the debate around altruism, the debate over whether humans have a capacity to do any good without it being rooted in self-preservation or self-interest.

Biblically the question is really how we read portions of Scripture like Romans 7:18 “For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.” It impacts our view of ourselves and the rest of humanity and our capacity to do what is right. If we read it as a theological statement on the universal human condition or as a statement of human frustration on Paul’s part, then there is a very different perspective on the outcome.

A more helpful place to start might be to try to understand the context on the passage in the rest of a Hebrew understanding of Scripture and the human condition. Paul, as a Hebrew, would have grown up with a strongly holistic view of what it means to be human. He would have grown up with the understanding that the entirety of God’s creation was declared “good” – whole/holistic/holy and loving – in God’s intention. That Greek dualism of flesh/evil/sin and spirit/good/sinless which became such a central tenant of the heresy of Gnosticism in the first Century church and that dominates so much of our Reformed theology would not have been part of Paul’s world view. In fact, he contests it in so many of his letters. My sense is the healthy way to read the passage is to read it from Paul’s wholistic Hebrew theological position and not to see a dualism within it, but a pure frustration on his part with the ability of the Hebrew Law to resolve his human frustration with repeatedly choosing to do what is wrong even though, deep within him, he desires to do what is right.

If we read it from that perspective, then we give ourselves an opportunity to see Paul’s humanity and our own capacity to identify with his frustration. And rather than resorting to a steely determination to “pull up our socks” and “do better next time”, we simply admit our own human failing and incapacity and throw ourselves

in faith not at religious legalism (the Law), but on the grace of God. In the tradition of the Psalmists Paul recognizes his human plight and asks a rhetorical question. "Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?" And as the Psalmists before him he finds his solution in God, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Pray God that we, even when we are driven to a point of complete frustration with our failing, will not look to religious legalism or religious fortitude, but abandon ourselves in faith to the grace us God to restore that goodness within and for which we were created. Amen

**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: God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. 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:** God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. 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. Canon Simon Bell

Video: Dr. Amy Pauley

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

Martin Bertelsen & The Bertelsen Family; Stuart Family; Toby; Brody; Lequita Adkins; Peggy Russell; Linda; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; 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:**

Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Gail Jones; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; Steve & Jade; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; 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.

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

The Diocese of Southern Malawi (Central Africa)

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

Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul, Diocesan Synod Office

## **Pass The Word**

June 29, 2022

### **COVID UPDATE**

As of Sunday June the 4<sup>th</sup> we will be returning 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.

### **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 to

### **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.

**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.

### **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.**

Friday, **July 10**, 7:00 p.m. – Movie – “**Gosford Park**”, mystery starring Helen Mirren, Stephen Fry, Derek Jacobi, plus so many other British stars. This was an Academy Award Winner.

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.\*\*\*\***

### **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.

### **Summer Day Camp**

We are full for this years camp.

## **STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL NEWS FLASH!!! APRIL 22’**

The month of April showed an increase in Sunday attendance. We saw an increase in envelopes offerings as a result. Even though we closed the gap in April we have fallen farther behind YTD as is reflected in the numbers, below. Please help us if you can. Your generosity can make a difference!

Budgeted PAG & Envelope as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
\$59,010

Actual PAG & Envelope as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
\$48,556

Revenue Shortfall as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
(\$10,454)

Easter Offerings Update

2022	\$4,230
2021	\$2,625

Very positive results for this Easter over Covid Easter last year.

*Thank you from your Stewardship Committee*