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## Wednesday Service

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Canon Simon Bell Pg. 185

**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:** **Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

# THE PSALMS

## Psalm 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 27:9-26

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Day of Atonement. So Paul warned them, "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also." But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and Northwest.

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so, they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so, we gave way to it and were driven along. As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, so

the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So, keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 9:1-17

*(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 Luke

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

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no

bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” So, they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. But Herod said, “I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?” And he tried to see him.

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed healing.

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” (About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Canon Simon Bell

## **How long**

### **Psalm 13, Acts 10:1-16, Luke 24:13-35**

The Psalms are a wonderful demonstration of human emotion and resolve. In contrast to the “why” question that dominates so much of life, this is the “How long” question. “How long” is the repeated refrain of Psalm 13 – How long before you remember me? How long before you make yourself present for me? How long must I live with confusion and grief? How long will these people take advantage of me and get the better of me? How long. It really is a plea for resolve – “I wish this would stop!”

This is a such a human question when we are in the midst of a situation that seems to have no resolve – a relationship that has gone bad and we don’t have the resources to tolerate any longer; suffering and discomfort that seem to persist for ever; grief and the pain of loss that seems to have no resolve or no “closure”; the drudgery of going from one bad situation followed by another; the feeling that we are trapped in a never ending cycle that repeats itself day-in and day-out.

The Psalm then moves in a prayer in vs. 3 - “Look upon me and answer me.” Give me a glimmer of hope and help me see the light at the end of the tunnel – “give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death.” This is the simple prayer of one desperate for a faint glimmer of hope that things will turn a corner or find resolve. The fear, of course, is that others will look at us in our “pathetic state” and rejoice or find humour in our plight – that we would become the object of ridicule and contempt. Or that those who wish us harm will turn around and tell us that we deserve to be in this position or see it as a victory for themselves, “You deserve you.”

But like most of the Psalms there is a turning point where the writer recognizes who God is and that we are still called to have faith in God’s faithfulness in spite of the circumstances of life, “But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.”

Firstly, the Psalmist recognizes that life's circumstances are not a reflection on the nature of God. God is by nature merciful – just as much as God is steadfast in love and gracious towards us. My circumstances are no measure of the nature of God, even though I can honestly feel like the mess I am in is God's doing and God's responsibility to resolve. It is okay to say in one breath "will you forget me forever?" and articulating that it feels like God has abandoned me, while still knowing deep within myself that God is merciful to me. It is okay to saying that it feels like God is avoiding me - "how long will you hide your face from me?" – and at the same time knowing that God has "dealt with me richly". It is okay to say that I am confused., in grief or feel like people get the better of me, while still saying "my heart is joyful because of God's saving help."

The Psalms play a very important part in our faith life – they encourage us to be honest about our emotions and with our life circumstances. But they are meant to do more than that. They are there to inspire faith in us irrespective of life's circumstances. They are there to help us get perspective and to help us see the big picture of God at work in our world irrespective of how we feel in the moment and irrespective of how all-encompassing or hopeless our situation might feel. They are there to remind us of the consistency of God's mercy grace and compassion – everlasting love – that carries us through the worst of life, the depth of our emotion and those situations that seem to never have a resolve or an end – the "how long" situations of life. Pray God that as we wait for a resolve to life that we might find new hope in God's faithfulness and compassion in the midst of our "unresolvable" trails. Amen

**People:           Amen**

## **INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#19)**

(Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything,

saying, “We thank you, Lord.”)

Officiant: For the beauty and wonder of creation.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For all that is gracious in the lives of everyone revealing the image of Christ.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For minds to think and hearts to love.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For health, strength, and skills to work, and for leisure to rest and play.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth.

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: Today we give thanks especially for .....

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Officiant: For St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Giles and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

## **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:** Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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:** God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of 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:**

Celebrant: 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.  
**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

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

The Missionary Diocese of Nampula (Mozambique)

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

**St. Luke, Rosemont**

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

Neil & Livia Purcell; Jeannie Daigle; Ken Maynard; Maggie Prentice; Lorraine Whitwell; Wanda Hogan; Dave & Diane Lawrence; Katlin; Toby; Renee Walton, Kathryn, Gayle & Patrick Haley; Gladys Pecholcs; Kevin & Marie Lemoine; Virginia; June Hinkson; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Brody; Linda; Ida; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Peter Hubbard; 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:**

Cecilia Mowat; Bob Hill; Rose Court; Kevin McDonald; Anthony Stone; Peggy Russell; Lequita Adkins; Rev. Janet Mitchell;; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna & Ray Wilson; John; Celeste & parents; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Vayda; Barb Semsch; Phil & Kathy C.; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Bill & Cathy Gray; 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; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.

## **Pass The Word**

**October 12, 2022**

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – We will have sign-up sheets on the board for helpers and donations of

sandwiches and bake goods for the tea, baked goods for our sale table, other articles for sale, e.g. jewellery, special dishes, puzzles, books, pictures, crafts, handmade goods, etc. *Please*, no clothing. We have a few tables available for rent at \$40 each. Please contact Beth Steffler if you are interested (705) 728-1543.

**Messy Church** – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, running 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, please speak to Rev. Susan at [revsusan@rogers.com](mailto:revsusan@rogers.com)

### **Knock Your Socks Off**

Once again, we are collecting socks, underwear, hats, mitts, etc. for those in need. Any donations are greatly appreciated. A bin is at the front door. Many thanks.

### **Children's Halloween Party**

Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 4:00-6:00. If you would like to make donations of goodies for the party please drop off at the office.

### **Halloween Food Drive**

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – Bring your wagons to decorate, and your costumes to dress-up.

We will go “Trick or Treating” in the neighbourhood collecting goods for our food cupboards.

### **Bible Study of Paul's letters to Timothy**

Please join us for a nine-week study of Paul's letter to Timothy between 7:00 and 8:30 each Thursday evening at St Margaret's starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September both in-person and via Zoom. Please contact Canon Simon for more information.

### **Book Study: Jesus for the Non Religious**

We will be having a book study on Bishop John Spong's book “Jesus for the Non-Religious.” We will be meeting at Trinity each Friday at 11:00 for an hour starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and running for 9 weeks. If you wish to join the group then it would be best to pre-order the book and we could make some copies

available to share if needed. Please contact Canon Simon for more information.

• **Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis**

An inspiring collection of essays written from a wide variety of denominations and perspectives of religious traditions. These stories of personal struggles to speak for climate justice and those most affected raises a number of questions.

- ✚ Is climate change a moral issue?
- ✚ Where are the widespread responses from the religious communities?
- ✚ If we know that the poor and vulnerable will suffer most from the effects of climate change, where are the religious voices to speak for justice?
- ✚ Where are the programs and people who will process the mourning about the unravelling of ecosystems and social systems?

These essays contain hope and visions for transformative action in the face of the challenges. But

- ✚ Where do we begin?
- ✚ What can we build on?

**Author and activist Brian McLaren says of the book:**

If you're part of the 'choir' regarding climate change, if you get it, if you're on board, this is the book you need now. It will help you keep singing, even when politicians and corporate leaders prove themselves bigger fossil fools than before, even when the news is bleaker, even when you lose hope for the tenth time, but still can't give up. This book put new steel in my spine and fired up my

resolve. You need this book, and the Earth needs you to take its message to heart.

**Study Group led by the Rev. Susan Snelling**

**Tuesdays Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 25, Nov. 1,8,15 7-9pm.**

**On Zoom.** Book required – Please let Rev. Susan know if you are interested as soon as possible at 705-220-3739 or [smsatgoodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:smsatgoodshepherd@gmail.com).



**Men's Breakfast**

Please join us at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday November 2nd 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.



**St. Margaret's Women's Breakfast Club**

Starting third Wednesday of October 19th -We will meet at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street at 8:30. Please contact Rev. Susan Snelling at [revsusan@roger.com](mailto:revsusan@roger.com) 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**

Sunday School is up and running. 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

**Exercise Classes** have begun with Jenn Reid every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at church. If you would like more information, please contact Jenn at (705) 790-3189.

## **Movie Nights**

Friday, October 21st, 7:00 p.m. – Comedy **“Without a Paddle”**

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

## **Book Club**

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 p.m. Our book for this month is **“Midnight at the Dragon Café”** by Judy Fong Bates. Books can be picked up at church office. 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.

## **Mini Meals for Sale**

Mini Meals are available for sale from **Trinity’s ACW**. To place an order and arrange pick up, please contact Mae Harasymiw at 705-734-1888. Mini meals will also be for sale at Trinity’s Spaghetti dinner On October 29th.

### **Below is a menu of available items and costs:**

Soups ~ \$6.00/each

Curried (mild) Cauliflower, Bean & Bacon, Beef Barley, Asparagus, and Tomato Basil

6 inch Meat Pie ~ \$7.00

4 inch Meat Pie ~ \$5.00

Shepherd's Pie ~ \$8.00

Meat Balls (4) ~ \$5.00

Tomato Veggie Sauce ~ \$5.00

Meat Loaf ~ \$7.00

Lasagna (serving for 2) ~ \$10.00

Spaghetti Sauce with meat (pint) ~ \$8.00

## **Trinity's Next Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday October 29th ~ 5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

*Trinity's auditorium*

Cost: \$10/per person

*(includes: spaghetti, Caesar salad, dessert, and beverage)*

ALL are welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help bake desserts and to set up, clean up, and take down. If you're able to assist, please get in touch with Monica Cox at 705-722-3990.

## **Covid Update**

All restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. We will need to exercise our own discretion and care and 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 when the conditions allow.

## **Covid Shot Update**

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry. 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. Thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.