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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. 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, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; 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 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 23:23-35

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Then he called two of his centurions and ordered them, “Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at nine tonight. Provide horses for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix.”

He wrote a letter as follows: Claudius Lysias, To His Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings.

This man was seized by the Jews and they were about to kill him, but I came with my troops and rescued him, for I had learned that he is a Roman citizen. I wanted to know why they were accusing him, so I brought him to their Sanhedrin. I found that the accusation had to do with questions about their law, but there was no charge against him that deserved death or imprisonment. When I was informed of a plot to be carried out against the man, I sent him to you at once. I also ordered his accusers to present to you their case against him.

So, the soldiers, carrying out their orders, took Paul with them during the night and brought him as far as Antipatris. The next day they let the cavalry go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. When the cavalry arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him. The governor read the letter and asked what province he was from. Learning that he was from Cilicia, he said, “I will hear your case when your accusers get here.” Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod’s palace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 7:18-35

(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**

John’s disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

After John’s messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: “‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.’”

(All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, acknowledged that God’s way was right, because they had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)

Jesus went on to say, “To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other: “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.’”

For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by all her children.”

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON
The Rev. Susan Snelling

People: **Amen**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE #3

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”)

Leader: Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians; that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Riscylla Shaw, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; that your people may lead quiet and peaceful lives.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the City of Barrie and in all its diversity, that you will show your goodwill to all.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them; that you will be their help and defence.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized); that they may be strengthened in the faith.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone; and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Alvin. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

People: Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.

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 truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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: Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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. Susan Snelling

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Nagpur (India)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto (CJDT)

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

Ken Maynard; Maggie Prentice; Lorraine Whitwell; Shirley Sowyrda; Wanda Hogan; Dave & Diane Lawrence; Katlin; Toby; Livia & Neil Purcell; Renee Walton, Kathryn, Gayle & Patrick Haley; Gladys Pecholcs; Kevin & Marie Lemoine; Stephanie; Owen; Bob Hill; Rose Court; Virginia; June Hinkson; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Brody; Linda; Ida; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; 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:

Kevin McDonald; Anthony Stone; Peggy Russell; Lequita Adkins; Stephanie; Rev. Janet Mitchell;; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; John; Celeste & parents; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Barb Semsch; Phil & Kathy C.; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; 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

October 5, 2022

Christmas Bazaar Meeting

If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Bazaar please join us for a meeting on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 in the church. Speak to Beth Steffler if you have questions. (705) 728-1543 or email beth.steffler@bell.net.

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. 22nd - 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 30th, 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 22nd of September both in-person and via Zoom. Please contact Canon Simon for more information.

Further Information: The **Barrie Homelessness and Housing Justice Network (BHHJN)** is hoping to take the attached letter to Barrie City Council in September accompanied by the signatures of as many citizens and organizations in the community as possible. The BHHJN is an unofficial group made up of community advocates, including shelter workers and church leaders. Thank you to Jen Van Gennip and Sarah

Tilley for their work on this, drawing on the letter developed by Toronto housing activists. The letter asks what actions the City and County might take to address housing and homelessness issues in Barrie. Certainly, the issues need provincial and federal action, but the BHHJN wants to get this in front of Barrie City Council before the fall election is in full swing!

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 23rd 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 ZoomBook required – Please let Rev. Susan know if you are interested as soon as possible at 705-220-3739 or 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 for more information or to join the breakfast via Zoom.



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

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month. Next date: October 19th - We will meet at the Breakfast House on Bayfield Street at 8:30. Please contact Rev. Susan Snelling at 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 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 20th – 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 OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

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 2nd 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.