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**Wednesday Service**

*September 21, 2022*

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Canon Simon Bell

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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 created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE PSALMS

**Psalm 81**

Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the timbrel, play the melodious harp and lyre. Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our festival; this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. When God went out against Egypt, he established it as a statute for Joseph. I heard an unknown voice say: "I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket. In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Hear me, my people, and I will warn you—if you would only listen to me, Israel! You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So, I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. "If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Acts 19:1-10

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So, Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So, Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 4:1-13

*(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**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Canon Simon Bell

### The baptism of Jesus

Psalms 81, Acts 19:1-10, Luke 4:1-13

The temptation of Jesus is full of references to the Hebrew Scriptures and particularly to Deuteronomy.

Firstly, preceding the temptation of Jesus, is the “passing through the water” of Jesus that shares an echo to the Israelites crossing the Nile in the Exodus narrative as a sign of God’s rescue and salvation. This “passing through the water” is a sign of a type of dying and a re-orientation of oneself to a new life and a new reality, but for the Israelites and for Jesus. Then the context of the temptations and each of the temptations has an echo to it.

Secondly, there is a reference to 40 days in the wilderness in reference to 40 years in the wilderness that provides the context for a preparatory trial or period of “temptation” where the priorities are set for a new life and a new orientation. In the case of the Israelites the entry into the Promised Land and its settlement. For Jesus the 3 years of ministry and the road to the Passion.

Each of the three temptations Jesus faces were common to the Israelites in the wilderness and each of the three resolves were instructions to the Israelites in the midst of their own temptation.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” The full reference in Deuteronomy 8:3 “God humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” It makes a past reference to the hunger that the Israelites experienced in the wilderness and God’s provision for them. But it also prioritises the “Word of the Lord” as that which feeds us over the need for physical sustenance.

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The temptation of Jesus does not serve as a moral compass to us as readers, but as a reference to the temptation of the people of Israel that Jesus draws on to shape his own triumph over temptation. In this sense Jesus overcomes the tempters appeal to “easy fixes” and the resolve of human weakness, disaffection and misquoted

Scripture. The entire point is the faithful compassion of God that is consistently there as a bedrock of our existence in spite of how much we might be tempted to resolve life's dilemmas in other ways. **Amen**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### PRAYER 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 those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women; 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.**

## 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 power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake 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: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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.

**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

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

The Diocese of Mthatha (South Africa)

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

St. David, Donlands

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

Gail Jones Family; Goodyer Family; Alvin Maynard & Ken Maynard; Dave & Diane Lawrence; Katlin; Toby; Livia & Neil Purcell; Kevin McDonald & Family; Leta Broomes, Renee Walton, the Broomes family, Kathryn, Gayle & Patrick Haley; Gladys Pecholcs; Maggie Prentice; Kevin & Marie Lemoine; Stephanie; Owen; Bob Hill; Rose Court; Virginia; June Hinkson; Gail Jones; Judy & Don; Frances & Farrell; Arthur; Brody; Linda; Anthony Stone; 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:**

Peggy Russell; Lequita Adkins; Stephanie; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; 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**

### **September 21, 2022**

#### **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.

#### **Elmvale Zoo Trip** (14191 Simcoe County Rd 27, Phelpston)

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. Prices: Children \$15.95, Adults \$23.95, Seniors \$20.95. We will meet in the Zoo parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Please arrange a ride ahead of time. Please contact Jennifer Reid if you have questions (705) 790-3189.

#### **Spaghetti Dinner – Trinity Church (Collier St.)**

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$10 person

#### **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.

**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 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 October 5th 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.



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

Starting third Wednesday of September (21<sup>st</sup>) -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 has begun again at 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.

**Messy Church** – Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, running 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, please speak to Rev. Susan at [revsusan@rogers.com](mailto:revsusan@rogers.com)

### **Movie Night**

Friday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. – **Movie night is cancelled due to funerals.**

### **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.

### **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 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. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.