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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

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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: **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 119:121-144

I have done what is righteous and just; do not leave me to my oppressors. Ensure your servant's well-being; do not let the arrogant oppress me. My eyes fail, looking for your salvation, looking for your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your love and teach me your decrees. I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes. It is time for you to act, LORD; your law is being broken. Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path. Your statutes are wonderful; therefore, I obey them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands. Turn to me and have mercy on me as you always do to those who love your name. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Redeem me from human oppression, that I may obey your precepts. Make your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees. Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed. You are righteous, LORD, and your laws are right. The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy. My zeal wears me out, for my enemies ignore your words. Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them. Though I am lowly and despised, I do not forget your precepts. Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true. Trouble and distress have

come upon me, but your commands give me delight. Your statutes are always righteous; give me understanding that I may live.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 21:15-26

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

After this, we started on our way up to Jerusalem. Some of the disciples from Caesarea accompanied us and brought us to the home of Mnason, where we were to stay. He was a man from Cyprus and one of the early disciples. When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly. The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law. As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality." The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:27-39

(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**

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." Jesus answered, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast." He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Simon Bell

Follow me

Luke 5:27-39

Some of us might be very surprised that Jesus might ever want us to follow him. Levi or Matthew, the tax collector, would have been one of those. Historically Rabbi's would accumulate disciples from the cream of the cream of young men who had great moral credibility and a phenomenal memory and grasp of the Hebrew Scriptures. At various points along the way as different chunks of the Hebrew Scriptures were memorised throughout a young boy's life, there would be a skimming off and those who rose to the top, the disciples of rabbi's and Pharisees of Jesus' day, and would have been in that select grouping who had made it. Between them and the tax collectors of the day was the massive swath of Hebrew society and right at the bottom in their regard would have been Levi/Matthew. But Jesus walks up to him and says, "Follow me". His response to such profound affirmation and valuing should be no surprise to us, "he got up, left everything, and followed" Jesus. That's it.

He then throws a last hurrah before joining Jesus on the road as an itinerate learning follower and invites all the scum dwellers at the bottom of the human pond for a meal with Jesus. Jesus ends up sharing hospitality with "a large crowd of tax collectors and others" – the general riff raff of the community that the Pharisees would have given the label of "sinners".

Now we have to be able to imagine that these Pharisees and "their scribes" who were at the top of the religious heap and had done everything in their capacity to be given the privilege of being a disciple of a rabbi are chewed up by what they see. They start going off at Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" But there is a sub-text that says, "How do you riff raff get to be disciples of a rabbi and then still carry on in this despicable way?"

Jesus' response is plain and clear; his disciples are carefully selected, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." It is then that they made their sub-text clear, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink."

In response Jesus creates a contrast between the old and the new. The new are the wedding guests who come to celebrate with the groom at the beginning of this new life in community. The new is the cloth that is still tightly woven and does not tear. The new is the wineskin that is still strong and holds the new wine. The old is the bridegroom who is taken away and the guests fast. The old is the garment that is weak and worn and tears. The old is the wineskin that has deteriorated and will burst.

The new is the joy of mercy and grace. The new is the affirmation of those who were deemed "beyond the pale" and "outside of the flock". The new are the "tax-collectors and sinners" from whom Jesus calls disciples and with whom Jesus shares hospitality and offers welcome and affirmation, wholeness and healing, restoration and love. Pray God that we may constantly seek to be found amongst the new. **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: **Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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. **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 Mundri (South Sudan)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff

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

Shirley Sowyrda; Wanda Hogan; Gail Jones Family; Alvin Maynard & Ken Maynard; Dave & Diane Lawrence; Katlin; Toby; Livia & Neil Purcell; Kevin McDonald; 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 28, 2022

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 2nd, 11:00 a.m. All Welcome!

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.

Perogie Dinner

St. Georges Church Allandale, Barrie - Saturday October 1st, \$15/adults, \$7/children under 12, email barriesouthlions@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

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 Zoom

Book 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 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 for more information or to join the breakfast via Zoom.



*****NEW*** 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 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.

Messy Church – Saturday, October 1st, running 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, please speak to Rev. Susan at revsusan@rogers.com

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

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 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.