



ST. JOHN'S Anglican Church

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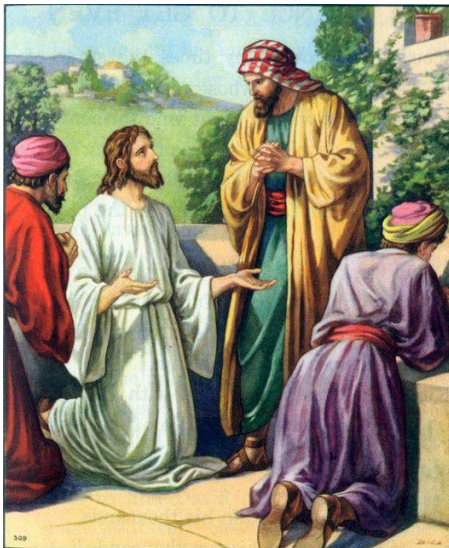
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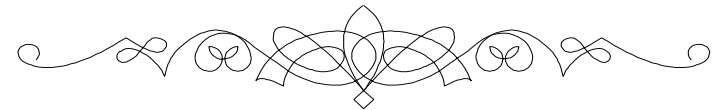
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Welcome to St. John's

We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and hope you will feel welcome. Please join us for Coffee and Conversation in the upper parish hall after the service.

During our services, we receive offerings for the various ministries of the church. If you are a visitor worshipping with us for the first time, please do not feel pressured to give. You are our guest - we want to welcome you into our family, & provide a friendly atmosphere where you can relax and enjoy the service & worship God.



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 25, 2010

Greeters: Jeff & Joanne Brooks

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: 374 Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

The Gathering of the Community

The Grace BAS page 185
Collect for purity BAS page 185
Gloria (*sung*) BAS page 186

Collect of the Day: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: (Barbara Freeman) Hosea 1:2-10

Introduction: The people of Israel continue to break their covenant with God, worshipping Baal. The prophet Hosea's marriage and the strange naming of his children are meant to point to God's attitude to his unfaithful people.

When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, "Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods." So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son. And the Lord said, "Name the child Jezreel, for I am about to punish King Jehu's dynasty to avenge the murders he committed at Jezreel. In fact, I will bring an end to Israel's independence. I will break its military power in the Jezreel Valley." Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the Lord said to Hosea, "Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah, 'Not loved', for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them. But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies, not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by my power as the Lord their God." *(continues...)*

After Gomer had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she again became pregnant and gave birth to a second son. And the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, 'Not my people', for Israel is not my people, and I am not their God. "Yet the time will come when Israel's people will be like the sands of the seashore, too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, 'You are not my people,' it will be said, 'You are children of the living God.'

Psalm 85 BAS page 818

Second Reading: (Diane McLeod) Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Introduction: The Christians at Colossae are reminded that they are rooted in Christ, having died with him in baptism, and so come to new life with him. The so-called "philosophy", the false teaching that they must reject, stated that power belongs not to Christ, but to some unnamed celestial beings. (They are warned against excessive ritualism and asceticism.)

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision, the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. *(continues...)*

Their sinful minds have made them proud, and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.

Gradual Hymn: 532 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Introduction: In teaching his disciples to pray, Jesus addresses the Father as "Abba", a Hebrew word equivalent to our word "Daddy", thus introducing a new and more intimate relationship with God. Jesus does not promise that we will always get what we ask, but our asking and seeking will not be in vain.

Homily

Statement of Faith: The Apostles' Creed BAS page 189

(You may be seated, kneel or stand as is your custom of prayer)

Prayers of the People: Pray for L'Eglise Episcopal du Rwanda; The Most Revd Emmanuel Musaba Kolini Archbishop of Rwanda & Bishop of Kigali. Niagara: St. Paul, Glanford and Christ Church, Woodburn; Rev. Patricia Lucy, rector and the people of those congregations. Cuba: The parish of San Lucas in Ciego de Avila; the Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, rector and the people of that parish. Uruguay: English Speaking Ministry, based at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Montevideo; Rev. Pablo Duarte, rector and the people of that parish.

Litany 2 BAS page 112

Confession & Absolution BAS page 191

The Peace

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 408 Wind Upon The Waters

Prayer Over the Gifts: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 2 BAS page 205

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) BAS page 211

Breaking of the Bread 2 BAS page 212

ALL PERSONS WHO SEEK A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:

500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

649 Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

063 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

071 Jesus the Joy of Living Hearts

Prayer after Communion: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doxology (*sung*) BAS page 214

Blessing

Celebrant: May the everlasting God of Life shield you east and west
wherever you go,
The blessings of Christ of Love be upon you,
The blessing of the Spirit of Grace be upon you,
The blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and for evermore.

All: Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn: 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the Alderson Room for coffee & conversation following today's service.

Announcements

Thursday, July 29 – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Montessori classroom

Thursday, August 5 – Tansley service 10 a.m.

NOTE DATE CHANGE:

Sunday, September 26 – Welcome back BBQ “Back to Church Day”
– bring a friend!

Givings:

Unrestricted donations to June 30	\$ 53,001
Budgeted unrestricted to June 30	\$ 54,500

Shortfall	\$ 1,499
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Please remember that during the summer months, when many of you are away on vacation, the expenses of our church continue to need to be met.

Now may be a good time to consider going on to the monthly preauthorized payment program, or, leaving post dated cheques on the collection plate before you leave for vacation.

Thank you for your consideration of these options.

STAMPS FOR LEPROSY CANADA & CANADIAN TIRE MONEY – please continue to leave in the Bell Tower. **(Please note: we are not collecting eyeglasses this year).**

CHRISTMAS MARKET (Nov. 20) – Don't forget when making your jams, jellies and other preserves this year, please make a couple of extra for our Market.

TEA TOWELS – we are low on clean towels in the kitchen. Would the person who generously took them home to wash them please see that they are returned soon. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY – Jesus' parables on the Kingdom of God - three week study begins Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. in the Montessori classroom.

ROOTS AMONG THE ROCKS – a theatrical journey through faith, life and irreverent discovery created and performed by young Christian artists. Conducting interviews, gathering music and images, story sharing, group improvisation and research, this show is a reflection of where our church is today and what the future could hold. Event is at St. Christopher's, 662 Guelph Line –August 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 – seniors, students & unwaged \$5. For more info or to purchase tickets: staff@stchristophersburlington.com or 905-634-1809

JUICE FROM ST. JOHN'S
Please continue your support of our community throughout the summer.



“Dinner at Al’s Diner”

October 16, 2010

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH! GIVE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

MANY items will be needed to meet our goal. Please ask your dentist, your hairdresser, your bank manager, your neighbour, your children etc. if they can donate an item or service.

Accepted items must be unused.

Exceptions will be made for art work, antiques or in-demand retro items.