**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

*Anglican Church of Canada*

**August 14, 2022 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Service:  Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

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**9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)**p.4

**Opening Hymn # 341**​***God of Mercy, God of Grace***

Greeting

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading​Isaiah 5: 1-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH
Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm​80: 1-2, 8-18 *(responsively at the half verse)***BCP**​p. 433, 434

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading​Hebrews 11: 29, 12: 2

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS!

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel​Luke 12: 49-56

Benedictus​p.   9

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**Collect of the Day  Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  Amen.**

Collect for Peace​p. 11

Collect for Grace​p. 11

**Offertory Hymn**​***I Love to Tell the Story***

Offertory Response       ***All Things Come of Thee***   *(sung)*

Sermon

​This is the Bible that I received from the church on my Investment as a Lay Reader on June 19.  In the center, between the Old Testament and the New Testament, is a section entitled the Apocrypha.  Like many of you I had never heard the name before and wondered what it was all about.  This morning I am going to try to explain what it is in reference to.

​The term Apocrypha comes from the Greek term meaning hidden or secret. Initially the word was earmarked for novels with articles considered too grand and sacred to products available to the public. With the years, Apocrypha took a negative connotation on account of the suspicious roots and skeptical canonicity of those novels.

​*Apocrypha would be the biblical books obtained by the ancient church as part of this Greek version of the Old Testament, but not contained in the Hebrew Bible, being excluded by the non-Hellenistic Jews in their canon.  Their standing on Christian use was ambiguous.*Though it is not Scripture, many Protestants have found the collection useful historically, theologically, and spiritually. Itprovides a fuller understanding of the first-century Judaism, including the messianic fervor that led, in part, to Jesus’s passion.

​Most protestants have never read them or even know what the term apocrypha means or even care to read the books as they aren’t in their Bibles. We can read it discerningly, yet constructively, critically yet charitably, and by doing so we can see the many ways it enhancesour understanding of the divinely inspired Scriptures. It first appeared in a Greektranslation of the Old Testament called the Septuagint that was produced in Alexandra, Egypt around 200 B.C. The individual books were written between 400 B.C. and AD 1, theperiod frequently referred to as the four hundred silent years, the time between the testaments. It essentially makes up the blank pages in the Bible between Malachi and Matthew.

​These writings were withdrawn or hiddenfrom common use because they were regarded as containing mysterious or secret lore too profound to be communicated to any except the initiated.  They are deemed theologically suspicious and even heretical by many Jewish and Protestant circles who reject these writings as authoritative for the faith and practice of thechurch. They are accepted by Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians as canonical. In total there are 14 books listed. Many of these books take the Old Testament as their starting point.

​Jesus and the New Testament authors neverdirectly quote the Apocrypha or introduce it with labels such as “as it is written” or “as the Scripture says.” Many echoes and allusions have been detected in the New Testament, but no direct quotes or obvious paraphrases appear in the New Testament. The well-knownReformer, Martin Luther was forced to grapple with the status of the Apocrypha. He stated that these are books that though not esteemed like the Holy Scripture, are still both useful and good to read.

​The Apocrypha does support some of theRoman Catholic Church traditions that are not taught in the Bible such as praying for the dead, petitioning saints with their prayers, andalms giving for atonement of sins. Some of the Apocrypha includes important and helpful information, but due to their historical and theological error, the books must be viewed as fallible historical and religious documents, not as the inspired authoritative “Word of God.”

​Over the next while, but not monthly, we will look at some of the books in the Apocrypha and what they say to see if theybenefit us spiritually, theologically, and historically.

**Sermon Hymn #278**​***Jerusalem the Golden***

Prayer for the Queen and Commonwealth​p. 12

Prayer for the Clergy and People​p. 13

Prayer for All Conditions of Mortals​p. 14

General Thanksgiving *(said by all)*​p. 14

Prayer of Saint Chrysostom​p. 15

**Prayer for a Renewed Church:**  **Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory.  In Jesus’ name we pray.  Amen.**

The Grace​p. 15

**Closing Hymn #572**​***Let There Be Light***

Dismissal

Officiant ​​Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People​​​**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction​***Go Now in Peace***

​*(found in the back of the blue hymn book)*

**The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of family members and in thanksgiving for blessings received, a gift of the Rinker, Knowles, and Harrison families.**

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week. Call519-344-9531 or E-mail: canondavis@gmail.com.

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If you would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev. Ray know as he and/or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

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Please join us for **Coffee Hour**after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

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**Central Baptist Church** is once again running a reading support program at their church Tuesdays, with spots available every half hour from 4 to 8, September 13 to November 29, 2022.  Contact:  Marg Johnson, Coordinator, Kids Konnection – Reading Support Program. Orkidskonnectionsarnia@gmail.com

**Upcoming Events:**

**10 Sept**​**Fall Clean Up**of the parking lot and church.  If you are available to help, please call Karen at 519-344-0531.

**18 Sept 2:00 p.m**. The **Christian Music Café** is coming to Canon Davis.  Please join us for this monthly musical event.  Refreshments and treats will be available.  Free will offering.

**21 Sept**​Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as CDM’s famous and delicious “**Fish Dinner”**is back with in house