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*Anglican Church of Canada*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

28th August, 2022

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**Service of the Word**

**Gathering Hymn**​**#381**​***Praise, My Soul***

Officiant:​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.**

Officiant:​Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord’s Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**People:**​**Amen.**

Officiant: ​Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to

​worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**People:**​**Most merciful God, 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.**

Officiant:​Merciful God, grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and

peace, that we may be cleansed from allour sins and serve you with a quiet mindthrough Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:**​**Amen.**

Officiant:​The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:**​**And also with you.**

Officiant:​Let us reconcile to God and one another a sign of Christ’s

​peace.

**The Collect of the Day**

**Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading**​Jeremiah 2: 4-13

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH
Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Officiant:​The Word of the Lord.

**People:**​**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**​81: 1, 10-16 *(Response in bold.)*

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways!

**I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.

**But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

**Second Reading**​Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15-16

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS
Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Officiant:​The Word of the Lord.

**People:**​**Thanks be to God.**

Officiant:​The Lord be with you.

**People:**​**And also with you.**

Officiant:​The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People:**​**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Gospel**​​Luke 14: 1, 7-14

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRISTACCORDING TO LUKE

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Officiant:​The Gospel of the Christ

**People:**​**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

Imagine this…It's a Friday night and a husband comes home at the end
of the day. And as he pulls into the driveway, he sees that there is a
huge rented tent in the back yard. Under the tent are tables and
chairs for about forty people. And as he gets out of the car, he
notices a bandstand and dance floor is assembled in a corner of the
tent.  Bewildered, he thinks back to when he left in the morning, and
he's pretty sure all of that wasn't there then!

He walks into the back yard to find his wife furiously basting a dozen
chickens and discovers a pile of steaks in a cooler nearby, right next
to a fully stocked bar. And he thinks, "Who in the world did we invite
for dinner? The Royal Family?!"

He nervously waves at his wife, who smiles sweetly and says, "Our
guests will be here any moment, dear." The husband is totally out to
sea now. All he can do at this point is blankly stare at her and ask,
"Who...?"

"Oh, don't worry, dear", she says, "you wouldn't know them. I've
invited twenty homeless men from the Shelter, and a refugee family
from Ukraine. Oh - and all the residents of a group home. And did I
tell you? Not a single one is likely to ever pay us back!"

It's at this point that the husband passes out.

Of course this didn't happen (at least not that I know of); I just
made it up to show the impact that Jesus' words and actions had on the
people in 1st-century Galilee, in today’s Gospel.

What Jesus taught and did went right against most common sense of that
day, and a lot of people were upset, or even offended. Many of Jesus'
important teachings are centered around the table and shared meals,
and this is no exception.

Jesus is invited to a fancy party at a Pharisee’s house. It's a
society party among the leading citizens. Everybody who is anybody is
there.

This particular Pharisee has a beautiful home located high in the
hills overlooking Jerusalem. The ladies have come in all their finery.
The men are looking stately in their purple linens, and gold rings.
There is the sophisticated small talk and toothy smiles. Everybody is
witty, charming and ever so clever. People are all having a good time
– and they're all watching Jesus like a hawk... Jesus is invited, not
because he is one of them, but because he is a curiosity who is famous
for being in the news lately for blasphemy (because he forgave sins),
for ritual uncleanness (because he ate with sinners and outcasts), and
for corrupting the Sabbath (because he healed people on the holy
Sabbath).

Now if I were in Jesus’ place, I would be on my best behaviour;  I'd
be careful not to talk with my mouth full or put my elbows on the
table.

But Jesus looks around and notices wealth, pretence and luxury. He
also notices how the guests look for ways to move up the social ladder
– or in this case, up the table. He sees how they try to sit at the
places of honour, next to important people. And so he calmly decides
to... offend the guests.

And the scene that follows becomes a lesson in how to lose friends and
alienate people. We have all been in those awkward situations when we
are invited for dinner at someone’s home, hovering around the dinner
table, not sure where to sit. Most would not pick a place at the head
of the table, unless, of course, we are invited. That makes perfect
sense, and at first glance it seems that this is what Jesus is
suggesting. But it is much more than that; Jesus takes it a big step
further.  He plainly tells the guests they're only there to increase
their status. He says, “When someone invites you to dinner, you take
the important seats. Then when somebody more important than you shows
up, you’re red-faced as you make your way to the only place left at
the end of the table. You might as well have gone and sat there in the
first place; then the host might say, ‘Don't sit there -come, sit with
me.’ If you walk around with your nose in the air, you’re going to end
up flat on your face. So don't puff yourself up, but show some
humility.”

And when he has finished insulting the guests - he turns to the host
to insult him, scolding him for who was included and especially who
was not included for this dinner:

He says, “The next time you put on a dinner, don’t just invite your
friends, that you’re trying to impress, and who you hope will return
the favour; but invite people who don’t have similar interests, who
never get invited, the misfits and unsophisticated folks from the
wrong side of the tracks.  And no, they'll never be able to return the
favour, but it will help God's Kingdom become reality.”

Jesus accuses these rich guests and their host of creating barriers
between the rich and the poor, and worse: of using those barriers so
they get ever richer and the poor even poorer.

Those barriers are with us still today. Ethnic groups, refugees, the
homeless, the addicted and the mentally ill, they all face uphill
battles. They just don't have the same opportunities as most people.
And some people make sure it stays that way.

And this is exactly why Jesus is so upset,

So why does Jesus have to stir up trouble? Why does he criticize
people who invite him into their own home? Why can’t Jesus leave a
pleasant enough dinner party alone? Remember, hospitality was sacred
in those times.

I think it‘s because Jesus understands what is at stake. We have to
learn that at God’s table there is no need to jockey for position,
because we are all equally welcome. There are no second hand or third
hand human beings. In God's Kingdom, in God's dream for us, the least,
the poor and marginalized will be the greatest, and the last will be
first.

Jesus is host at a table where no person is better than another.

This story asks us an important question: what would Jesus have said
to us and everybody else if he were invited at one of our dinner
parties? Who would he notice are missing from our circle? Would he
create a scene - or would he have a really good time?

Something to chew on... Amen.

**Sermon Hymn  #645**​***Come Down, O Love Divine***

Officiant:​Let us confess our faith as we say.

**People:**​**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven**

​**and earth.**

​**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

​**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and**

​**born of the Virgin Mary.**

​**He suffered under Pontius**​**Pilate, was crucified, died, and**

​**was buried.**

​**He descended to the dead.**

​**On the third day he rose again.**

​**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand**

​**of the Father.**

​**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 **Prayers of the People – for August 28, 2022**

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours,**

**and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace**.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For Todd our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*. *The people may add their own petitions*Hear us, Lord.

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*. *The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*. *The people may add their own petitions*.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Taken from:*

*Eucharistic Prayers,*

*Services of the Word, and Night Prayer*

*Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services*

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Hear us, Lord.

**For your mercy is great.**

**Offertory Hymn  #631**​***The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy***

**Offertory Response**​***All Things Come of Thee***

**People:**​**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the**

**splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Officiant: ​And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

​we are bold to say,

**People:**​**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

​**hallowed be thy name,**

​**thy kingdom come,**

​**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

​**Give us this day our daily bread.**

​**And forgive us our trespasses,**

​**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

​**And lead us not into temptation, butdeliver us from evil.**

​**For thine is the kingdom,**

​**the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: ​Glory to God

**People:**​**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than**

**we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn  #388**​***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

Officiant:​May the God of hope fill us all withjoy and peace in believing

​through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sung Benediction​*Howard’s Blessing (vs 1-2)*

*(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 ofthe Rinker and Redden family members, a gift of Gerry Rinker.***

***We pray for the repose of the soul of***

***Pat Knowles Harrison***

Please enter names in the**Intercessions Book**each week to be read in the service.

**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. Call: 519-344-9531 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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**Moore Museum’s Downriver Craft & Gift Sale** Sunday September 18th 2022 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.  Cost: Adults $2.00 Children Free – Over 100 tables.

**Upcoming Events:**

**10 Sept**​**Fall Clean Up**of the parking lot and church.  If you are

available to help, please call Karen at 519-344-9531.

**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

dining.

**28 Sept**​**Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom.**

**The Chancel Guild**

The Chancel Guild is inquiring if

1) anyone is interested in adopting one of the following days to provide

    flowers for the Altar to please put your name and contact number beside

    the date on the list provided at the back of the church

Dates available are

2nd and 4th week of January

3rd week of March

2nd week of April

2nd and 4th week of April

2nd week of October.

And,

2) If anyone is interested in joining the Chancel Guild or would like more

    information please see Seonaid Laidlaw

The Chancel Guild meets at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church.  At this time, we polish all brasses, wash all vessels, top up candles and briefly discuss any special tasks for the month.  Time taken is 1 1/2 to 2 hours depending on numbers.  The Chancel Guild presently has six active members. We could use a few more willing hands.

Saturday duties are: setting up church for services including arranging Altar Flowers.  Morning Prayer – approximately ½ hour. – flowers only.  Holy Eucharist – approximately 1 hour.  HE Sunday after service – remove all vessels, wash, take linen home to launder.  Christmas and Harvest Thanksgiving call for extra time.