**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

*Anglican Church of Canada*

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25th September, 2022

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**25th September 2022 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Service of the Word**

**Gathering Hymn #1**

​***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty***

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**

**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 forever.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading**​Jeremiah 32: 1-3A, 6-15

 READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH
The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathothfrom my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Officiant:​The Word of the Lord.

**People:**​**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**​91: 1-6, 14-16, *(Response in bold.)*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,

**Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,**

Will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;

**My God, in whom I trust.”**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter

**And from the deadly pestilence;**

He will cover you with his pinions,and under his wings you will find refuge;

**His faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

You will not fear the terror of the night

**Or the arrow that flies by day**

Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness

**Or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;

**I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;

**I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.**

With long life I will satisfy them

**And show them my salvation.**

**Second Reading**​I Timothy 6: 6-19

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY
Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16: 19-31

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO LUKE

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Officiant:​The Gospel of the Christ

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

**Sermon**

Measurements in the World                   1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Everyday a man used to walk by a jewelry store, and he would stop and set his watch by the big clock in the window. One day, the jeweler happened to be standing in the doorway. He greeted the man in a friendly manner and said, “I see you set your watch by my clock; what kind of work do you do that demands such correct time each day?”

“I’m the watchman at the plant down the street,” said the man. “My job is to blow the five o’clock whistle.”

The jeweler was startled. “But…you can’t do that,” he blurted out.

“I set my clock by your whistle!”

We live in a world that depends on secure and unchanging measurements & standards. In fact there are government agencies that go around doing tests on various devices to make sure that companies are being honest in the selling of goods.

We can be assured that Measurement Canada monitors the accuracy of measuring devices, such as gas pumps, meters and scales, through a variety of inspections.

When I had my store, The Government of Canada would come in periodically to test the accuracy of the scales on the premises; a method by which bulk seeds and grains were weighted daily for the public. I remember thinking at the time how horrible I would feel if the scales were ever inaccurate. Luckily, they never were.

The Food and Drug Administration also has a division that spends time inspecting pharmaceutical companies to make sure that when they say that the drug has 1000 milligrams in it that it has that precise amount

The building industry is also regulated by inspectors who have determined that one meter will always be equivalent to one meter.

Our world would be full of engineering disasters if the standards of measurements were disregarded.

The same thing can be said for the scope of the spiritual world where the traffic of our souls moves not just on a daily docket but on an eternal path. There are measurements that we can find in the Word of God that can help us to see which way to go.

So how do we measure our daily experience of ongoing faith?  I think we measure our faith by how long we are willing to depend on God to intervene and give direction. We measure our faith by how long we are willing to depend on God to enable us to obey the clear instructions of His Word.  For Paul says, "I say to everyone among you, not to think more highly of themselves; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith, to be used effectively.

 In the reading of 1 Timothy, Paul was talking about fleeing from the clutches of greed…and that we shouldn’t always be content with being on the righteous corner, but that we should take part in the actions that can help those who do not have the same blessings as we do.

As believers, we are accountable for the least in our society, and to try and help a hurting world in need. When we take these needs seriously, we are also encouraging others to do the same.  Amen

**Sermon Hymn  #439**​***Blest are the Pure in Heart***

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**​

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.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for…

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.

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**

**Offertory Hymn  #500**​***Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant***

**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  #379**​***Rejoice, the Lord is King***

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 memory oflost loved ones, and in celebration of life, a gift of***

***Janice and Keith Acland.***

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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The Chancel Guild is asking for donations offruit and vegetables to decorate the Church for **Harvest Thanksgiving.**All edible food will be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd.  Please call Seonaid Laidlaw for more information.  Please bring items to the church on **Saturday October 1** **between 9:30-10:00 a.m**. Thank you.

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Reminder for all parishioners to pick up their Thanksgiving letter in the mail boxes at the back of the church.

**Upcoming Events:**

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

**2 Oct**​**Harvest Home Freewill Breakfast**.  Please join us after

​service.

Sunday, October 2nd officiant Paul Woolley