

Canon Davis Memorial Church
Anglican Church of Canada

June 11, 2023 – Second 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 # 432
Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

Greeting

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st ReadingGenesis 12: 1-9

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm33: 1-12 BCP p. 367-368

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing praises lustily with good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were in a bottle, and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought, and maketh the devices of the peoples to be of none effect.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

2nd Reading Romans 4: 13-25

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Benedictus p. 9
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Collect of the Day O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, 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
Here I am Lord

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

Sermon

Matthew's Gospel was written in the ninth decade of the 1st century to a mixed audience of Jews and Gentiles in Antioch in Syria. They had long since dealt with the end of the temple, its priesthood, and ancient rituals two decades earlier. Despite the dominance of the Pharisees in continuing Judaism, the church at this stage exhibited almost complete autonomy from its Jewish origins. These stories from the earliest Christian tradition were, for Matthew's community, a counterpart to the revocation of the Jewish ritualism and purification of the Gentiles as part of the atoning work of Christ.

The three incidents described had ambiguous results. Even though they created significant opposition to Jesus' ministry they extended his fame. They signaled his sole desire to help people as the way to reveal God's love and inspire them to believe in him. Thus, he rebuked the super-religious Pharisees for their opposition. He knew that not everyone would respond. He was only interested in people who sensed their need, not in those who thought they had no need for his salvation.

Each of the incidents has its own relevance to Jesus' whole ministry of reversing Jewish ritual traditions. Tax collectors were among the most despised of all people in the social milieu of the time. Only slaves and Gentiles were below them on the social scale. In befriending Matthew and dining with him, Jesus violated one of the most stringent ritual taboos. No priest, Levite or Pharisee could have any association with them and maintain ritual purity. The Pharisees were reluctant to confront Jesus himself at this point. The disciples deferred to Jesus, probably needing an explanation themselves, as well as seeking to allay their fears. Jesus told them, "If you feel right with God, okay, but these people who I came to help need something more than all your self-righteous ritual performances".

In the cases of the woman who suffered from a twelve-year hemorrhage and the girl who was presumed to have died, Jesus again broke ancient religious taboos. The Levitical tradition regarded

all discharges of human body fluids including blood, semen, menstrual flow, and excretions as unclean. Contact with a dead body caused a person to be ritually unclean. Contact with the fringe of Jesus' garment healed the woman in response to her act of faith. Jesus' initiative was limited to speaking words assuring her of that fact. Raising the daughter of the leader of the synagogue revealed both Jesus' insight into the reality of the situation in contrast to the derision of the mourners and his willingness to challenge all the restrictions of tradition.

These same miracle stories demonstrated for Matthew's community that faith in Jesus, the Messiah/Christ, was the only requirement for salvation as much as had the theological reflections of Paul on the Abraham tradition in Romans 4. Can this not be an insight for modern Christians who would return to a perverse fundamentalism rooted in ancient traditions of word and creed, but lacking spiritual power?

Sermon Hymn # 606

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer for the King and Commonwealthp. 12

Prayer for the Clergy and Peoplep. 13

Prayer for All Conditions of Mortalsp. 14

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

Prayer of Saint Chrysostomp. 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 Gracyp. 15

Closing Hymn # 97

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction*Howard's Blessing*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God, a gift in loving memory of Margaret and Glen Hayter, dear Mom and Dad of Sheree Lynn and Mike, a loving Gramma and Gramps of Jason, and loving Great Grammie and Great Grandpooh of Lucy.

In Love and Thanksgiving for the life and friendship of my dearest and sweetest friend, Alma Lozier Middleton. RIP, Sheree Lynn.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

If you would like a home visit with Communion, please contact the office as a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

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

Turkey pies \$5.50, Shepherd's Pie \$6.00 each. To order, call 519-344-9531.

Upcoming Events:

The next meat raffle will be held on **Tuesday June 13** from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at **Imperial City Brew House, 1330 Exmouth Street**. Draws are \$2.00 each and there are 9 draws.

On **Wednesday June 21**, The **ACW Ladies Guild and Friends Annual Luncheon** will be held at **12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. **Please RSVP by June 11** by contacting Carol at 519 491 9319 or Karen at 519 344 9531. A sign-in sheet will also be available at the back of the church. Free Will Offering.

Service at Canatara Park The parishes of St Bart's, St Paul's and St John in the Wilderness are inviting us to join them for a coming together at the pavilion at **Canatara Park for a shared worship and lunch**. The service is planned for **June 25 at 10 AM** with a lunch afterward of a BBQ, sides and dessert. Joyce Hodgson is scheduled to preach. Everyone is asked to bring their own chair, coffee or tea if they'd like. For lunch the plan is to BBQ and folks to bring a side or dessert to share. The cost of the pavilion and BBQ' d food is being split between the three churches. If another parish decides to come and would like to contribute to these costs, that would be welcome. Amanda would like a headcount before June 18. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you

Reminders

13 June Meat Raffle – Imperial City Brew House 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

21 June ACW Ladies Guild and Friends Annual Luncheon – 12:30 p.m.

25 June Service at Canatara Park 10:00 a.m.

28 June Parish Council Meeting – Boardroom 10:00 a.m.