Canon Davis Memorial Church

*Anglican Church of Canada*

**June 26, 2022 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

***Looking Back—The Man at the Plow***

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

Officiant – Bill Graham — Organist – Dorothy Miller

*380 Russell St. North (at Maxwell St.), Sarnia, Ontario N7T 6S6*

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

**Opening Hymn # 520**​***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

Greeting

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading​2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." Sothe two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer

see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20​*(said responsively at the half verse)*​**BCP**​p. 425, 426

2nd Reading​Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those Iwho belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel​Luke 9: 51-62

 Benedictus​p.  9

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**Collect of the Day  Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law.May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; 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 # 509**​***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

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

 Sermon

​Due to the ongoing hostility between the Samaritans and the Jews that had lasted for more than eight centuries, Jesus decided to take the mountain route through Samaria rather than down the Jordan Valley. James and John expressed the traditional hostile view toward the Samaritans who had refused the entrance to their village. They wanted to call down punishment on these people who rejected their beloved Master.

​When an enthusiastic follower gushed about his loyalty, Jesus rebuked him with a promise of homelessness. This was not the kind of Messiah that the perspective disciple was seeking. Jesus called another person to follow him, but the man offered the excuse of having to bury his recently deceased father. Another wished to say farewell to his family.

​Jesus responded to both with challenges that still seem harsh to our ears. Jesus himself had been forces to leave his home in Nazareth because of the hostility of the community and of some of his own family. Because of his status as a “*bastard*”, due to his suspect paternity, he had not even been permitted to attend the funeral of his father, Joseph. Even though impossible to prove, such experience may well have affected his attitudes expressed here.

​Jesus was saying that the demands of God’s reign of love presents us with a higher loyalty than that of filial duty or family responsibility. In finishing up, Jesus used the likening of discipleship to that of a farmer plowing a field behind a single beast or a small team. One can only drive a straight furrow by looking forward to the distant goal, a point at the end of the field. This kind of loyalty is characteristic of the doctrines regarding the final destiny of man and the world.

​Only in a miraculously new order where men do not live on bread, and where they neither marry nor are given in marriage, can the Kingdom of God fully come. We do not know the concrete situation in which Jesus spoke these words. This series of events have the single purpose of setting forth the paramount importance of the reign of God and the supreme loyalty it demands of us. Everything else is irrelevant to that purpose.  We must interpret many of the stories and parables of Jesus with this same characteristic economy.

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

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​​​​​​​​​​​​​. 15

**Closing Hymn # 438**​***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

Dismissal

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

People​​**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction​***Howard’s Blessing***

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

.**NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **10:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week. E-mail:canondavis@gmail.com.  Or Call: 519-344-9531

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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.  **Volunteers for coffee goodies needed for July and August.  Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.**