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Pentecost III

June 29, 2025

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9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Processional: CP #643 'Holy Spirit, Come with Power'

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

C: 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.

A: Amen.

C: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

A: 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.

C: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A: Amen.

C: The peace of the Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

C: As prophets catch fire, as disciples draw flame, as apostles walk in the Spirit, O Holy One, Holy Three, fill us with fervent desire to enter your kingdom. Lead us by the cross of Christ to live in the love of Christ, now and forever.

A: Amen.

GLORY to GOD: CP #365 'Glory to God on High'

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading 1 Kings 19:15-21

Funke Talabi

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah^[a] said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 44:1-8

Roberta Butler

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our forefathers have told us, *
the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.
- 2 How with your hand you drove the peoples out and planted our forefathers in the land; *
how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.
- 3 For they did not take the land by their sword, nor did their arm win the victory for them; *
but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you favoured them.
- 4 You are my King and my God; *
you command victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; *
through your name we trampled on those who rose up against us.
- 6 For I do not rely on my bow, *
and my sword does not give me the victory.

7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries *

and put those who hate us to shame.

8 Every day we gloried in God, *

and we will praise your name for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

2nd Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Funke Talabi

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;^[a] only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ 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.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you.

We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;

In this world wher-e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

The Holy Gospel Luke 9:51-62

Roberta Butler

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

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

A: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus^[c] said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Response to the Gospel: CP #430 'Will You Come and Follow Me' (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Homily

Roberta Butler

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**A: 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Coralee Little

The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of my wife Andrea by
Bill Yurkew and family.

C: Let us pray.
In peace we pray to you , Lord God.
silence

For all people in their daily life and work.

**A: for our families, friends and neighbours, and for all those who are
alone.**

C: For this community , our country, and the world;

A: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

C: For the just and proper use of your creation:

A: for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

C: For all who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble.

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

C: For the peace and unity of the church of God;

A: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who see the truth.

C: For Todd our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

A: for all who serve God in the Church.

C: Got our own needs and those of others.

Especially we pray for

Hear us Lord.

A: for your mercy is great.

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

Silence

We exult you, O God our king;

A: And praise your name forever.

C: 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 kingdom. (Especially we remember)

Silence

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

A: Who put their trust in you.

C: 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.

A: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most merciful God,

A: 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.

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: **Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

C: For the sake of those who have yet to hear the word of God, for those who are in need of our bounty, and for the discipline that comes with sacrifice, let us bring our tithes and offerings.

A: **Amen**

Offertory Hymn: 'The Wedding Banquet' (I cannot come)

CHORUS

I cannot come,
I cannot come to the banquet, don't trouble me now.
I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow.
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum
Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

VERSE ONE

A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town.
He laid a festive table and wore a wedding gown.
He sent invitations to his neighbours far and wide,
but when the meal was ready, each of them replied, "I cannot come."

VERSE TWO

The Master rose up in anger, called his servants by name.
Said, "Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,
Fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed.
My banquet must be crowded and my table must be filled."

VERSE THREE

When all the poor had assembled there was still room to spare,
So the Master demanded, "Go search everywhere,
To the highways and byways and force them to come in.
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin."

VERSE FOUR

Now, God has written a lesson for the rest of mankind.
If we're slow in responding he may leave us behind.
He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day
When the Lord and Master calls us be certain not to say:

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: 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.

A: **Amen.**

Prayer of St John Chrysostom

C: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A: **Amen.**

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

The Doxology

C: Glory to God

A: **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, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Benediction: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you
and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his
face toward you,
and give you peace. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP #577 'God of Grace and God of Glory'

Dismissal

C: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-9

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 10:00

Givings

On the plate \$1,520 Auto Debit: \$2,589

St Andrews Cupboard

A HUGE THANK-YOU FOR ALL YOUR WONDERFUL DONATIONS TO INNISFREE OVER THE PAST 3 WEEKS! I was able to deliver a full carload of donated items. They were so grateful and overwhelmed at the generosity of St. Georges ♥ They continue to support so many people at their most stressful times. THANK-YOU for always being there for others 🙌

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market craft table is requesting donations of knitted/crocheted scarves, mitts, slippers, hats, dish cloths, etc. Quilted pet squares, table runners, tea towels, journal covers and aprons are popular as well. If you have suggestions for new or different items, would like to contribute or have questions, please contact Barb Bailey or Deb Chine.

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to June 22nd a total of \$20,325.00 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

Hello – Your Altar Guild calling!

Each week we are blessed with flowers on the Altar to commemorate a love one or just to give thanks. Each week these flower arrangements are given to a member of the congregation to thank them for services rendered or because they are celebrating a milestone or going through a difficult time or simply to let them know that their parish family remembers them.

It is getting increasingly difficult, though, to deliver these flowers as parishioners grow older and enter retirement homes. These homes are scattered throughout the region and delivering them is a constant problem.

If you're willing to lend a hand from time to time, we'd truly appreciate your help.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex, just add your name and your general location. Requests will be infrequent, but the bonus is a friendly visit from a fellow parishioner you may not have seen in a while!

Thank you – St.George's Altar Guild

Rectory Rental

Approval has been given for the rectory to do short-term rentals. It is not going to be widely published but careful screening for applications to rent in the short term. If you know of an applicant, please call one of the wardens.

Please contact Cindy if you have anything to donate to its set up for July 1. We are currently looking for the following items (new or in excellent, nearly new condition): Bed pillows, sheets, comforters, and throws, towel sets, lamps, games and puzzles, small side tables, outdoor furniture and flameless candles.

Cindy Kellett

519-721-4587

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Budget

With summer now upon us and many of us will be vacationing. Your giving's are very appreciated and would like to gently remind you not to forget the church while you're away. At vestry, we committed to a revenue budget of \$266,860.53 for this fiscal year and to date we have received approximately \$112,842.92. While this is fantastic, we are sitting \$20,587.35 under budget. Please consider how you can support your church even while you are resting!

Summer Music

Hey there, St. George's! If you're looking for a source of church music during the summer or even throughout the rest of the year - check out Rob's YouTube channel 'raszemies' - you can search for a specific hymn (be sure to include the keyword 'raszemies' in your search) or you can look through the various 'Playlists' on my channel that include all of the hymns from the Common Praise hymnal, two of the Praise & Worship songbooks that we use throughout the year and hundreds of other tracks from the Voices United hymnal, the Salvation Army Songbook as well as a variety of older hymnals and songbooks. All videos include the lyrics for all of the hymns/songs that scroll through as you hear Rob play...

Summer Lectors (Lesson Readers)

From September through June, St. George's has a pool of approximately 25 parishioners who share a schedule for reading lessons at either our 8:15 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. service. A 2-3 month schedule is created in advance to allow for conflicts in pre-assigned dates to be resolved. In the summer, with vacation times and single services, readers are asked to voluntarily sign up on the schedule sheet in the Narthex. We welcome all interested individuals to do so, not just those that are currently part of the "Reader's Guild". Looking ahead to the return to regular services in September, let Cheryl Fox or Rev. Sharla know if you are interested in joining our pool of readers.

Sunday Smile

Reading this? It's a sign.