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John Shaw

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The Rev Sharla Malliff

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Nelson Cuthbert

**Pentecost XVII – Feast of St Francis**

**October 5, 2025      BAS – 10:00 am**

## **Announcements**

**Processional Hymn: CP #434 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'**

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**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:**     Almighty God,

**A: to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Prayer of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

**C:** Let us pray.  
Grant us, Almighty God, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**A: Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word The Readings**

## Lamentations 1.1-6

Jim Stirling

O: A reading from Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city

that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become a vassal.

<sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,  
they have become her enemies.

<sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations,  
and finds no resting-place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.

<sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate,  
her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.

<sup>5</sup> Her foes have become the masters,  
her enemies prosper,  
because the LORD has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.

<sup>6</sup> From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

O: The word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 137

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today Psalm 137.

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
**when we remembered you, O Zion.**

2 As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
**on the trees in the midst of that land.**

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors  
called for mirth: \*

**“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”**

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song \*  
**upon an alien soil?**

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
**let my right hand forget its skill.**

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, \*  
**if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, \*  
**who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"**

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  
**happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!**

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, \*  
**and dashes them against the rock!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

## 2 Timothy 1. 1-14

John Shaw

O: A reading from Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

C: This is the word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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**Gospel: Luke 17.5-10**

**Rev Sharla Malliff**

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.**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

C: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **The Response to the Gospel: CP #397 'Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness'**

### **Homily**

### **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

Funke Talabi

O: The flowers in the church today are In thanksgiving for my family and our many blessings and in memory of Wayne, our husband and Dad, given by June and the Matheson family. Also - in loving memory of Mulvin and Mary Cuthbert and Reg and Phyllis Farewell. Given by Nelson and Valerie Cuthbert.

O: This morning, we hold in prayer .....

O: O God, we give you thanks for the life and ministry of your servant Francis, we praise you for his dedication to his calling and the living out of his faith. Help us to hear and discern our own calling and give us the strength and live for you. Lord in your mercy

**A: Hear our prayer.**

O: Creator God, we give you thanks for your creation, which St. Francis loved so much. Help us, like him, to see ourselves as part of your creation and apart from it. And may we work tirelessly for the care of the earth, our common home.

Lord in your mercy

**A: Hear our prayer.**

O: God of our lives, we hold before you the inequalities in our world. Help to follow the example of St. Francis and give to those in need. Teach us to be content with what we have and to find our true wealth in you.

Lord in your mercy,

**A: Hear our prayer.**

O: God our healer, as St. Francis dedicated himself to living amongst the Lepers, open our eyes to see those who are cast out from society. Bring healing to all who suffer and make wounded relationships whole.

Lord in your mercy,

**A: Hear our prayer.**

O: Loving God, receive our prayers offered with great humility, that having done all that you call us to do we may seek not to be glorified, but acknowledge that we are merely your servants.

**A: Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

C: Creator God, you created the world and commanded us to till and keep it. Lord, where we have failed to care, have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy**

C: Jesus our redeemer, you commanded to us to love one another as you loved us. Christ, where we have failed to love, have mercy.

**A: Christ have mercy**

C: Holy Spirit our sustainer, you have empowered us for your service. Lord, where we have failed to serve, have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy**

C: May Almighty God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and keep us in eternal life.

**A: Amen**

C: God, in gracious love, gives us the awareness of how far we fall short of caring for this earth and our brothers and sisters and the strength to change our lives. Forgiveness is the pivot that turns repentance into reconciliation. Rest in the knowledge that you are forgiven.

**A: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

C: Hear the words of St Francis: "Happy are those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, will they be crowned."  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**A: And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

C: All that we are points back to our Creator; all that we have is gift and trust. God will finish what God has begun; we have the privilege of taking part. With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.



## Offertory Hymn: CP #624 'O Thou Who Camest from Above'

### The Prayer over the Gifts

C: God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world.

**A: Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer For The Season of Creation

C: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God of all creation.

**A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

C: You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life. And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever singing:

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

C: In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

C: Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh. By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

A: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven hallowed be Thy  
Name. Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is  
in hea-ven, Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-  
give us our debts as we for-give our debt-ors and lead us  
not in-to temp-ta-tion. But de-li-ver us from all  
e-vil for Thine is the Kingdom and the pow-er and the glo-  
ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

C: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**A: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

C: Draw near and receive this wonderful sacrament; a memorial of Christ's Passion, grant we beseech thee, come to experience the Fruit of His redemption, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Communion**

**Administrants:**

John Ryrie, Roberta Butler

**Communion Music by John Shaw & Rob Aszmies**

**Choir Anthem: 'Beside the River's Shore in Babylon' (text: Jesse Clapperton)**

## **Prayer after Communion**

C: Let us pray.  
Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**A: Amen.**

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, for ever 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.

## **Blessing**

C: May God bless you with **discomfort**. Discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with **anger**. Anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with **tears**. Tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their path into joy.

May God bless you with **foolishness**. Enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

**A: Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: CP #528 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past' (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)**

## **Dismissal**

C: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

**A: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Readings for Next Week – Thanksgiving Readings**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 100

Philemon 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

## **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday : 8:15      33      10:00

## **Givings**

On the plate   \$1,413      Auto Debit: \$2,093

## **Special Book Study – The Advent Conspiracy**

We will begin a new book study the week after Thanksgiving. To prepare for this study, please order your book *The Advent Conspiracy*, and let Rev Sharla know if you would prefer a hybrid study on Sunday over lunch, or a weeknight zoom study.

## **Healing Prayers and Anointing**

Starting Sunday, August 31, we will offer prayers and anointing for healing on the fourth Sunday of each month.

This will be a time for anyone seeking physical, emotional, or spiritual healing to receive prayer and anointing with oil during worship. All are welcome to come forward during communion to receive.

## **Sunday Smile**

The church is a gift from God. Some assembly required.

## **Bible Study**

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

## **Name Tags**

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

## **Outreach - Foodbank**

\*The outreach committee has made a change to the Foodbank donations that we need you to know about.

\*In the past we have asked for food items to be brought in for donation and once a year the outreach budget would also send them a cheque.

\*The foodbank donation bin and the St. Andrews donation bin often become confusing sitting side by side.

The foodbank has indicated that when we give a monetary donation, they can obtain twice the amount of food items than what we donate. In other words---if you go to the store and purchase \$8.00 worth of items, you may get 6 items if you are lucky. If you give the foodbank \$8.00, they can purchase 12 items. \$8.00 can provide meals for 4 people when you give a monetary donation.

We feel this is the way that we can best contribute to our community the most to help people who suffer from food insecurity.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the food bank:

\*if you use giving envelopes - beside the outreach column, write Foodbank and the amount of your donation.

\*if you use direct deposit- it would be easier to take any envelope you have and put Outreach-Foodbank donation on it with the amount you are donating, along with your name and address

\*as of today, the Foodbank donation bin has been removed.

## **A Note from our Treasurer and our Executive**

As you are aware, monies can be directed to St. Georges in a number of ways. For accurate tracking of these monies, please ensure that you have indicated the purpose for the payment/donation. This is true for payments/donations received whether they be via cash, cheques, and/or E-transfers. In particular, if you are giving using envelopes, please clearly indicate your wishes for the donation using the available pre-printed lines on the front of the envelope. If you are using cheques rather than cash, please indicate the purpose of the cheque in the comment section to the left of your signature. If you are using E-transfer, please indicated the purpose of the e-transfer in the note section of the E-transfer. If you just use a plain envelope, please put your name, address, amount of the donation/payment, and a note as to the purpose(s) of the donation on the front of the envelope and seal it. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated!

## **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Zoom Meetings**

### **Monday, October 20**

Please join us at Let Us Pray this month as our new Primate the Most Reverend Shane Parker joins us as we begin our new season. We are absolutely delighted that Archbishop Shane can be with us as we begin another year. We're sure you'll want to hear what he has to say.

### **Monday, November 17**

Originally scheduled for April 2025, we are so pleased that Bishop Rachel Parker from the Diocese of Brandon is able to join us this Fall. We have asked Bishop Rachel to speak to us about her experiences of "Life in all its fullness" as it relates to the realities of some of our smaller parishes. Come and be inspired.

### **Monday, December 15**

As we enter this season of Advent, we are pleased to be welcoming back the Lieutenant Colonel Judson Bridgewater who spoke to us several years ago. Padre Judson will bring to us his thoughts on "Life in all its fullness: Prayer from Sea to Sea to Sea" in relationship to the situations he faces and those he serves as a military Chaplain.

Remember, all of our Let Us Pray sessions are recorded and available to you at any time. They would make an excellent resource for a prayer group wishing to expand their experience and/or understanding of different kinds of prayer. As they are available on demand, they could be used at any time that suits your group. Please take advantage of these wonderful resources. Here is a link that will serve us for the entire 2025/2026 season:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83536726542?pwd=r1Aj0fdW20FDkLjz4dLazF4UqA08jz.1>

## **Children's Community Closet – Seeking Donations**

We are now collecting donations of gently used children's clothing (newborn to teens) and items (diapers, toys, books, strollers, high chairs, pack n' plays, exersaucers, play mats, etc...). Items can be brought to the church office or left outside the Fireside room marked "CCC". We are also looking for helpers to assist with laying out the clothing and items on Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 pm and Friday, October 31 at 9:00 am, sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Our closet will be open to the public on Saturday, November 1 from 9 – 11 am. For more information, please speak with Debra Barclay



## **Selection Committee Formed**

On Thursday, September 25, our Archdeacon, Rev Rob Lemon, from Stratford, chaired a special Parish Council Meeting wherein the following parishioners were approved as your Selection Committee whose sole purpose is to realize a new Rector: Adam Ashcroft, Catherine Carlson, Nelson Cuthbert (Chair), Ray Finnie, Kathy Glaser, Yvonne Gingrich, Fran Rothenberg, and Debra Zanon-Barclay.

Here are some key “process” points for you:

- Archdeacon Rob Lemon is our Diocesan Advisor and our direct link to the Bishop. It is under the Bishop’s authority that the work of this Committee proceeds.
- Under Diocesan rules, Rev Sharla is not part of the process.
- The timeframe will be six months approximately.
- All committee members have signed a Diocesan “Confidentiality Agreement” wherein all details of meetings, interviews, etc. are in confidence forever.
- General process milestones will be shared with St. George’s throughout the process.
- We will be meeting regularly to accomplish the following:
  - Create an all-parishioner questionnaire for you to complete and return to us; summarize all of those responses.
  - Use the Summary and other information to compile a detailed Parish Profile.
  - Forward the Summary and the Parish Profile to the Bishop.
  - Await a response from the Bishop including the names of prospective candidates to interview. All candidates get copies of the Summary and the Parish Profile.
  - Interview prospective candidates; decide on the best fit and inform the Bishop. The candidates also report their post-interview decisions to the Bishop.
  - Await the Bishop’s response. Hopefully, all parties (The Bishop, St. George’s Selection Committee, and the chosen candidate) are still in agreement.
  - If successful, announce the name of the new Rector and work out the many details with respect to such items as salary, start date, Rectory, etc.

There you have it! We have a strong team and a definite desire to accomplish our work in the next couple of months. Please pray for us. Thanks very much for your support!

--- Nelson Cuthbert for the Sel

**Version #2 of the Readers List Now Available**

Please be advised that Version #2 of the Readers List is now available and has been distributed to your mail folders.

**Photographs**

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee.

**2026 Church Calendars for Sale**

We have 15 calendars available for \$9.00 each.

If you're interested, please stop by the office after the service.

Kindly write your name on the envelope and place your payment inside.