



St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church

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Diocese of Huron: The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop:

Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

Music Director:

Rob Aszmies

Organist:

John Shaw

Celebrant:

The Rev Sharla Malliff

Server & Crucifer:

Alfred Butler

Warden on Duty:

Cindy Kellett

Pentecost VII July 12, 2026 BAS Eucharist – 9:00 am

Processional Hymn: CP #278 'Jerusalem the Golden'

Announcements

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.**

Glory to God

CP365

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father
Blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
Now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit
One in glorious light.

Prayer of Transition

C: Let us pray;
Almighty God, we thank You for sending a new rector to this parish of St. George's. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon he and his family. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the compassion of Christ, and the discernment to lead this parish faithfully. Guide our steps as we navigate this new chapter, and open our hearts to receive his leadership.

A: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

C: You opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise, that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness, for you, O God, are the source of all growth; your grace abounds forever.

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13

Jan Melega

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 65: 9-13

Rev Sharla Malliff

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

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.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

MaryLynn Forrest

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 'Dwell in Me'

Verse 1:

Dwell in me, dwell in me;
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.
Till Your face is all I see.
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.

Verse 2:

Breathe on me, breathe on me;
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Be my passion, set me free.
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' ¹¹ He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³ The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand." ¹⁴ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

"You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;

so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.”

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

¹⁸ ‘Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP #315 'When the Mourning Stars Together'

Homily

Rev Sharla Malliff

The 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**

Prayers of the People

Jim Fox

O: Remembering my much-missed mom, while 9 years is a long time you are missed every day.

God is the One who answers prayer and walks with us in times of celebration and grief, for the Holy One has a purpose more glorious than we can imagine. Therefore, let us offer our prayers and give thanks to the One who comforts, restores, and heals.

Let us pray for all leaders and people of the world. . . .
You have created one human family to live and flourish in peace.
Give us the wisdom to order our world that all may find shelter,
sustenance, and love.

Let us pray for your church. . . .
You have given us the gift of the indwelling Christ, that your church may be faithful, loving, and wise. Give us strength to follow your Son until all are reconciled by his grace and love.

Let us pray for those who are sick, who suffer need, or are in danger, especially we pray for....
You have made us for a noble purpose, to love and care for each other at every turn. Give us the compassion and skill to love our neighbor and seek the well-being of those in need.

Let us pray for your creation. . . .
Your faithfulness is revealed in the rhythmic nature of creation, and your sanctuary is known in the earth itself. Rid us of the apathy and greed that injures its health, for you have bound your creation together for the blessing of all.

Let us remember those who have died. . . .

You call us into communion in worship to glorify you and sing your praise. Make us one with the saints, who have found their eternal rest in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: 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: Let us offer the fruit of our labor to God and make good on our vows to the Most High.

Offertory Hymn: CP #300 'Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ.

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - *Eucharistic Prayer 3*

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.

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

C: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of your promise, you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore, we join our voices with

angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name.

A: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

A: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

C: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

C: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

A: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

C: The gifts of God for the People of God.

A: Thanks be to God.

LAMB of GOD:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

Administrants: Catherine Carlson, Charlotte Cromarty

Communion Music: By John Shaw and Rob Aszmies

Prayer after Communion

C: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this 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 you go forth in joy and be led back in peace this day and always.
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you
now and always.

Recessional Hymn: CP #306 'O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

Dismissal

C: Go forth sowing the seed of God's new world, and give thanks, for God
will supply the growth.

A: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 44: 6-8

Romans 8: 12-25

Psalms 86:11-17

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Last Week's Attendance:

Sunday: 9:00

Givings:

On the plate: \$ 2,145

Auto Debit: \$2,015

Sunday Smile: Live music every Sunday.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

THANK-YOU for your continued support of the St. Andrew's Cupboard 🙌
Every week your donations have helped so many people with their daily food worries! As always, anything you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated, but a few of the items mentioned this week are: pasta; toothbrushes; shampoo and always cleaning products 😊 THANK-YOU ❤️
Heather Murphy, on behalf of your Outreach Committee

Bible Study

Our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room has now finished until the beginning of September.

Altar Guild Request

Thank you to all who contribute to the prayer candle ministry. On average, we use forty candles per week so keeping a stock of 'Tea' light candles is a priority. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, we would appreciate it.

Accessibility Project – Phase 3 of 3

As you know, we are working towards the completion of the third phase of the Accessibility Project. This project has been estimated to cost \$40,000. It addresses the replacement of the concrete sidewalk aprons in front of the Main Entrance and the rear entrance to Thompson Hall to improve the gradient and allow a smooth and even access to our building. The other part of this project addresses the refurbishment and/or replacement of the rear concrete stairs providing access to the Narthex from the parking lot.

In response to this, we have a generous family who have matched dollar for dollar to help in achieving the \$16,000 total needed. We thank them sincerely for their gift!

Well, Congratulations! We have reached our fundraising goal! Wonderful and thank you to all who contributed!

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or ill and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 519-744-4751 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. For emergency pastoral care, please call Rev. Sharla at 519-818-9278.

New! Gold and Silver Donations

Deb Chine has volunteered to oversee and coordinate donations from a different perspective. There are reputable gold and silver dealers locally who accept items containing such elements (gold/silver jewelry, gold/silver watches, necklaces, charms, bracelets, etc. – not silverware as most is silver-plated) in whatever form (broken, missing parts, whole items) and pay cash for them. Deb is willing to accept these items on our behalf as donations from you, keep them itemized for tracking purposes, take them altogether to a local gold/silver dealer, and get cash back in return to give to the AV Project for new speakers in the Sanctuary, etc. Each donor would get a tax receipt in February 2027 from the Church for the amount of their donation(s). Any donated item(s) that is(are) rejected by the gold/silver dealer will be returned to its owner. Sincere thanks to Deb for volunteering to do this for us! Please speak to Deb Chine if you are interested.

Thank you in advance!

Summer Readers and Servers

As we enter the summer months, we invite all of our readers & servers to consider volunteering for our 9:00 am Sunday Services. Your willingness to serve helps ensure that our celebrations remain prayerful, welcoming, and meaningful for the entire parish community. If you are available to assist during the summer, please sign up on the volunteer sheets located in the Narthex.

Summer Worship Schedule

As we have done in the past, we are going to follow the same summer worship schedule throughout July and August wherein we have a single Sunday Service at 9 am. We will alternate between BCP and BAS throughout. July 5 will be BCP, July 12 will be BAS, and so on until the end of August.

Refugee Family Update

Some good news! We have just received information, via MP Connie Cody's office, that our upcoming family has renewed their necessary medical documents. Everything has been submitted for their application's final approval and then travel arrangements. Given the current challenge of working through government immigration processes, we could receive the *Notice of Arrival Transmission (NAT)* in the next 3 – 8 weeks.

Thanks for your continued support, John Ryrie

Memories

We have placed a few artifacts from the display cabinet on a table in the Narthex. These artifacts have been cherished over the years but are now in need of a new family. It is time for them to move on to another home to be equally loved. Please feel free to choose one or two and take them with you to their new home.

Donations – Some Updates

Summer Donations to the Operating Budget: Please continue with your donations to St. George's throughout the summer even though you may be on holidays. Our expenses don't stop even though it is summertime. The bills still have to be paid.

2026 Operating Budget Status: Our treasurer has indicated that we are about \$11,000 behind in donations to our Operating Budget this year. From Vestry, we agreed to a deficit budget; however, your Executive and Parish Council are watching closely to see that the deficit doesn't increase. In fact, it would be wonderful if it decreased over the year. Any assistance that you can give to this shortfall would be greatly appreciated now and throughout the remainder of this year.

Thanks very much! Your Executive and Parish Council

2026 Ice Cream Message

As we have for about 15 years, we are planning to provide an ice cream outreach to St. John's Kitchen during the upcoming summer months. On Fridays, we will offer ice cream to the patrons from 11:30 am to 1 pm. We will likely start on Friday July 3rd. To do this, we will need 10-15 volunteers. I have placed a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You could help out only once over the ten weeks, or – if you are available - perhaps 3 or 4 times.

We have traditionally funded this outreach via donations at our summer Sunday services – loonies, toonies, small bills, etc. placed in a bowl at the back

of the church. Or you can allocate some support on your weekly church envelopes. My guess is we will need about \$125 a week, for 4 large tubs and an array of toppings: sauces, sprinkles, chocolate and butterscotch chips, and peanuts. Yummy!!

Catherine Carlson and I are very, very thankful for all the support you have given in past years. I am hoping you will be able to continue your generosity in the coming months.

John Ryrie

Christmas Market

Mark your calendars for November 14, for the Christmas Market at St. George's. As we enter canning and jam making season, please consider making a few extra jars that you can set aside for the Christmas Market. Pickles, beets, jams, and canned fruit are all welcomed.

While it is early yet to get people volunteering, we do need a **Baking Table Coordinator** as Roberta Butler is retiring from the position!!!! She will be so missed, however she has offered to mentor a new person to do the job, so please consider offering your time to assist.

Hold on to your books after you have read them as well, as you know the book room is popular. Craft table items are needed this year, some new items that are trendy and easily made would be super helpful.

In anticipation of a stellar Christmas market,

Susan Hipperson, 519-654-7023 or susanhipp@gmail.com

Farewell & Gratitude for Rev Sharla's Ministry at St George's

Rev Sharla's last Sunday with us is *August 30th*--our last 9:00 am service of the summer. Following the service we will have an opportunity to say farewell to Rev Sharla and express our appreciation for the year and a half she has led us in faith, fun and friendship. After giving it some consideration, Rev Sharla has said she would appreciate a gift certificate to a Garden Centre as they landscape their home in Scotland. If you wish to contribute you may e-transfer funds to the office or place money in an envelope marked *Rev Sharla's Farewell Gift* and place it in the collection plate. There is a committee planning our celebration and farewell for August 30. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Catherine Carlson

Reduced Office Hours

Please note that the reduced summer office hours are as follows:

Tues: 10 am – 1 pm Wed: 10 am – 2 pm Thurs: 10 am – 1 pm

Help Wanted

We are looking for someone who would be willing to make slip covers for the seat cushions on the two leather couches in the Fireside room. Materials will be provided.

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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