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Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

Music Director:

Rob Aszmies

Organist:

John Shaw

Celebrant:

The Rev Sharla Malliff

Server & Crucifer:

George Mudry

Warden on Duty:

Catherine Carlson

Pentecost IX July 26, 2026 BAS Eucharist – 9:00 am

Processional Hymn: CP #326 'Bright the Vision That Delighted'

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

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: God, you have given us a dream of your world made whole, a heavenly realm that is near in heart and close at hand, and it is ours to choose each day. May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love, grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all.

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 2-12

Roberta Butler

A reading from the first book of Kings.

² The people, however, were still sacrificing at the high places, because a temple had not yet been built for the Name of the LORD. ³ Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:129 - 136

Rev Sharla Malliff

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *

as you always do to those who love your name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

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: 26-39

Catherine Carlson

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

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: 31-52

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.

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP #259 'For the Fruit of All Creation'

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

MaryLynn Forrest

O: We are on a journey of becoming and do not fully know how to pray. Yet the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Therefore, let us offer our prayers, confident that the Spirit prays in us according to God's will.

Holy God, you have blessed humanity with understanding and the ability to choose the good; give to all leaders and people a vision of your world made whole, the wisdom to pursue it, and the will to accomplish it.

You have given your world the gift of Jesus to transform our suffering into healing and hope. Be with all who suffer hardship, distress, or need, and help us to honor you by serving together, as we grow in the mercy and compassion of Christ. We especially remember...

You blessed us with the gift of creation and call us to uphold its purpose of declaring your holy splendor. Join us with the Spirit's movement in caring for your world as together we await our redemption from glory into glory.

We give thanks for the gift of hope that never ends and that we are more than victors through him who loved us. We remember all who have died and give thanks that nothing can separate us from 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: Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. Let us offer our gifts this day, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Offertory Hymn: CP #350 'Stand Up and Bless the Lord'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: We dedicate our lives to you this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your realm.

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.

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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: Roberta Butler, George Mudry

Communion Music: By John Shaw and Rob Aszmies

Prayer after Communion

C: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

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: The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Recessional Hymn: CP #352 'Amazing Grace'

Dismissal

C: By the power of the Holy Spirit God has given you the gift of discernment to resist evil, choose what is good, and guide your feet in the way of peace.

A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145: 8-9, 14-21

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 13-21

Last Week's Attendance:

Sunday: 9:00 61

Givings:

On the plate: \$ 2,175 Auto Debit: \$2,015

Sunday Smile: Reading this? It's a sign.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

THANK-YOU all so much for your donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard 😊 Your weekly generosity is able to help so many less fortunate! Anything you would like to give is most appreciated. A few things mentioned this week were: cereal; canned fruit/fruit cups; and chick peas and always needed are cleaning products and shampoo! THANK-YOU SO MUCH ❤️

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

Our Daily Bread

Please check your mailbox for Our Daily Bread.

Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed from July 24 through August 3 and will resume regular summer hours on Monday, August 4. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact Warden Catherine Carlson at 519-886-7466 or Cindy Kellett at 519-721-4587.

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