



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:

Nelson Cuthbert

Pentecost XII August 16, 2026 BAS Eucharist – 9:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP #387 'All Praise to Thee'

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 their leadership.

A: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

C: Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ.

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1,6-8

John Shaw

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Rev Sharla Malliff

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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 11:1-2a, 29-32

John Shaw

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 5: 10-28

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.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at

the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP #386 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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

Roberta Butler

O: The flowers today are in loving memory of my parents, James and Bessie. We celebrate their birthdays remembering the travels and adventures, the constant support and laughter with gratitude, given by Sue Simpson

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Loving God, hear our prayer.

For your church in all the world, Loving God,
hear our prayer. . . .

Make your church into a house of prayer for all the peoples of the earth,
that women and men in every place may love your name and joyfully offer
their lives in obedient service.

For our priests, teachers, and ministers, Loving God,
hear our prayer. . . .

Strengthen the leaders of your church, *especially our bishop, Todd, and
our new rector Brendon*. Help them to welcome the stranger and the
outcast and to resist social divisions that honor the rich and forsake the
poor. For the world and for its leaders, Loving God,
hear our prayer. . . .

Uphold the leaders of governments for the work of peace provoke their
hearts to justice tempered with mercy, and lead them to do what is right in
upholding the common good. For those who farm the land, Loving God,
hear our prayer. . . .

Help farmers to live in harmony with your creation.
Bless their labors, and teach them to be good stewards of our earth and
wise managers of the earth's produce. For children, Loving God,
hear our prayer. . . .

Defend our children from danger, fill their lives with loving care, and help
us to rear them in holiness. For the sick and those in distress, Loving God,
hear our prayer. . . .

Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and enable those who are
able to support them in their need. Especially we pray for....

These prayers we offer through Christ by the power of your 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 give as God has so abundantly given to us.

Offertory Hymn: CP #393 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: Almighty God, receive the fruits of our labor and the dedication of our lives. Make them an acceptable sacrifice in union with Jesus 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: Roberta Butler, Cameron Crassweller

Communion Music: By John Shaw and Rob Aszmies

Prayer after Communion

C: Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Recessional Hymn: CP #388 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

Dismissal

C: By the power of the Holy Spirit go forth to serve your neighbor, to love your enemy, and to embody God's mercy in the name of Jesus Christ.
A: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Readings for Next Sunday	
Isaiah 51: 1-6	Psalms 138
Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

Last Week's Attendance:

Sunday: 9:00 74

Givings:

On the plate: \$ 2,222.35 Auto Debit: \$2,015

Sunday Smile: SIN burn is prevented by SON screen.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

THANK-YOU SO MUCH for your generosity this week to St. Andrews Cupboard ❤️ They were in desperate need of cereal and, as always, your caring came through! I took 27 boxes of cereal to the Cupboard this morning along with many other needed items! What an amazing congregation we have ❤️ This week, a few things mentioned, were baked beans; rice and pasta. As always, they are always in need cleaning supplies and shampoo!

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.

Gold and Silver

The gold and silver collection has now come to an end. We are pleased to share that we raised \$2,145 toward our AV upgrades!

Many thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to this initiative. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Deb Chine

Parish Library

Did you know our Parish Library is located just off Thompson Hall? We invite you to stop in and browse our wide selection of donated books. Our collection includes titles on grief and bereavement, faith and support, history, social justice, sermons, Christian teaching, and many other topics. We also have a wonderful selection of children's books. Whether you're looking for inspiration, learning, or simply a good book to enjoy, we hope you'll find something that interests you. Please drop in and take a look, we're sure you'll discover something to enjoy!

Mary Ann Millar, Librarian

Ice Cream Update August 3, 2026

I am delighted to convey that to date we have received \$500 from parishioners attending our summer Sunday services. That (plus other funds via

our Sunday collection envelopes) has enabled us to provide 9 tubs of ice cream and oodles of toppings to the patrons at St. John's Kitchen. We have five Fridays to go (perhaps 6) and are very thankful for the support that has been given so far. Much appreciated.

John Ryrie

Community Children's Closet

Thank you for your generous donations to this outreach project. We are sorting through everything we have now and organizing it. We are asking if you would please hold on to any other children's items you may have until Sept. to give us time.

PLEASE do not send us adult clothes even if they are smaller sizes unless a teenager wears them. This outreach is TOTS TO TEENS...sizes infant to size 18. We really cannot accommodate adult clothing, under garments or odds and ends of things. Please send children's clothing and toys only. Do not send used car seats, cribs or items like that. We do appreciate your donations of children's items. Thank you.

Your Outreach Committee

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.

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 Christmas Market is Coming Soon

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.

As we already indicated, 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.

Start collecting bottles for the bottle pull, which is a favourite and consider donating a basket of goodies for the raffle as well.

Refugee Family Update - August 3, 2026

Our new refugee family arrived, as anticipated, on Monday July 31st. Our committee transferred them to the apartment in the Pioneer Park area early in the afternoon. The boys were thrilled with their apartment bedroom, and within a very short period of time, had their gifted toys strewn all over the floor. They have also latched on to the TV.

Mom – Mapenzi – has enrolled in the YMCA, secured a credit union bank account and debit card, and is on her way to obtaining an Ontario photo ID card and receiving federal child benefits. She was very keen to go shopping at a grocery store as soon as she could. Our committee's support group from other local churches have shown her all sorts of everyday skills – the use of the frig, frig freezer, stove, shower, garbage chute, etc. And the family has already endured a totally unexpected fire alarm. A lot has been accomplished in a short period of time. One of our biggest challenges right now is finding a couple more individuals who can speak Swahili.

As it turns out, she has a nephew, Eiden, living in Montreal. He would love it if she could move there so he could take care of her. At this point, we do not know if that will be possible. Time will tell.

John Ryrie

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