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Pentecost XIII

Sunday, August 23, 2026

BCP Eucharist – 9:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn CP # 380 ‘O Worship the King’

The Liturgy begins on page 67.

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE COLLECT

C: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Prayer of Transition

C: The Lord be with you;

All: And with thy spirit.

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 and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading Romans 12:1-8

Roberta Butler

The lesson comes from the tenth chapter of Paul's letter to the church in Rome beginning at the first verse.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Here endeth the lesson.

Psalm 138

1 I WILL give thanks unto thee, O LORD, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth;
for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me,
and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 ALL the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD;
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD;
for great is the glory of the LORD.

6 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 **THOUGH** I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me:
**thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the fury of mine enemies, and
thy right hand shall save me.**

8 The LORD shall fulfil his purpose toward me:
**Yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; forsake not then the
works of thine own hands.**

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

A: **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And with thy spirit.**

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

A: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP # 381 'Praise, My Soul' (Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Prayer over the Gifts

A: Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee.

Intercessions

Jim Fox

O: The flowers today are in loving memory of Marilyn's parents Marion and William (Bill) Swales and prayers for my dear Jack with his continuing

health problems that he may find peace and love, given by Marilyn Graham.

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles, our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Todd, our Bishop, that they may by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our

prayers are desired. We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

C: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

A: **ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

C: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
St Matthew 11. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
St John 3. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 St John 2. 1, 2.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Thanksgiving and Consecration

C: The Lord be with you;

A: And with thy spirit.

C: Lift up your hearts;

A: We lift them up unto the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

A: It is meet and right so to do.

C: IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

THEREFORE, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**A: HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
BLESSED is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Consecration

C: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me". Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And

we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE peace of the Lord be always with you;

A: And with thy spirit.

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

Administrants: Charlotte Cromarty, Catherine Carlson

Post Communion Prayers

C: Let us pray.

A: 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 them that 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.

C: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of

all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

A: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

C: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Psalms 26: 1-8

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday: 9:00 73

Givings: On the plate \$ 2,150 Auto Debit: \$1,990

Sunday Smile: Love the people God gives you. One day he will want them back.

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.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

THANK-YOU everyone for your continued support of the St. Andrew's Cupboard ♥ Even during the Summer months when people are busy or away, you continue to support this amazing Outreach initiative! You are the BEST ☺ As always, anything you are able to provide is most appreciated. Something critical mentioned this week was CEREAL-CEREAL-CEREAL! THANK-YOU
Heather Murphy, on behalf of your Outreach Committee

Ice Cream Update - August 17, 2026

We have received slightly more than \$770 from parishioners attending our summer Sunday services. Terrific!! That (plus other funds via our Sunday collection envelopes) has enabled us to provide 17 tubs of ice cream and oodles of toppings to the patrons at St. John's Kitchen since early July. We have two Fridays to go (perhaps 3) and are very very thankful for the support that has been given so far. Much appreciated.

John Ryrie

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.

Reduced Office Hours

Please note that the reduced summer office hours will begin the week of July 5th. Hours will be as follows weekly:

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

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

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 as of August 17

Our refugee committee is incredibly warmed and proud that we successfully brought Mapenzi and her three boys to Canada from Tanzania for what we deeply hope will be bright and successful futures for them all. We are also very proud that we worked hard through the Immigration and Refugee cutbacks and delays to get Mapenzi's file advanced, and that for the last month our Team has strongly supported her to the very best of our ability. The family's life story has been incredibly hard and hers probably more so than we had understood from afar. As you might guess, a new family is occasionally deemed to have a higher chance for success by a different form of both financial and guiding support.

Due to legitimate and unforeseen circumstances which neither us nor Mapenzi anticipated, and discovering that she has family in Montreal who are prepared to have the family there, and in working with the Diocese and IRCC to fully vet the situation, Mapenzi has decided that she and the boys will join her family in Montreal to live.

We will update later as we have more information to share but we believe this is a positive move and we are very proud of our committee and of all of you, for your continued support and compassion for refugees from around the world.

Thank you

Many thanks to my Church family for their good wishes on my recent birthday. Thank you also to those members who attended the reception given in my honor.

Marian Kidd

Book Club

Book club will resume on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:00 pm in the Fireside room. The book we will be discussing is: The Sunset years of Agnes Sharp by Leonie Swann. Everyone is welcome!

Attention Readers

The readers' list for September to November will be placed in your mail folders next week.

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