



The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Barnabas Anglican Church. It is such a blessing to be able to worship together again in person. To protect those around us, we ask that you maintain a distance from your neighbour and that you wear a mask while in the church.

The altar flowers have been dedicated to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for our continued vocation to worship together, whether at home or in-person.

8:30 AM: Holy Communion

The Book of Common Prayer ~ Page 67

Collect ~ Page 239

10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist

The liturgy is taken from *The Book of Alternative Services*.

Prelude “Ava Maria” – Schubert

Archie Adams

Hymn 300 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion’s help forever,
and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Mary Douglas

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Refrain: Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

Refrain

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. **Refrain**

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **Refrain**

2nd Reading: James 2:1-17

Mary Douglas

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and

lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Hymn 397 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.*

*Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.*

*Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.*

*Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.*

*Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.*

*From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark 7:24-37

The Rev. Marcus Herrel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter."

So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened."

And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kersi Bird

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

We pray for our Diocese: Church of the Ascension, Coaldale: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Langford, The Rev. Michael Ebsworth; Bishop, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (BARDS).

We pray for members of our parish family: Cara Toth; Robert and Sandra Trumper; Brian and Chris Varney.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: John Beattie, Clyde Rattan, Sharon, James and Susan Norwood, Gwyneth Parker, Mike, Melissa, Shirley McKenzie, Gail Croker, Marie Whatley, Jill, Sue, Kris, Jeff, Don Lee, Bert and Marian Standring, Pat and Tom Barton, Andy St. Onge, Arlene Parsons, Ashley Croker, Angie Croker.

The Confession: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (please refrain from touching others - exchange greetings verbally instead)

Musical Interlude

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

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

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.
So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

Please proceed to the front of the nave as directed by a sidesperson; if you are unable to do so, remain seated in your pew and Kersi will bring communion to you.

Please sanitize your hands before receiving your wafer. After consuming the wafer, you may select an individual portion of wine; please move to the table on the side where you will consume your wine, place the empty wine glass in the basket and return to your pew along the side aisle.

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the sources of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to God,
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. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 560 “God, Whose Almighty Word”

*God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!*

*Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all humankind
let there be light!*

When directed, please proceed through the library, the link, and then exit through the doors in the parish hall.

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We pray for Christ’s Holy Catholic Church: ACC: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John’s College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry. ELCIC: The Right to Water and a renewed commitment to the stewardship of creation.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent: The Rev. Alison Samuel.

Readings for September 12: Proverbs 1:20-33; Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38. CCLI License #11392823

Zoom link for the Midweek Prayer Group on Wednesday at 10:00 AM: click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7825637683>. Readings for September 8 are Mark 10:17-31 and Psalm 11.

Confirmation classes will start by the end of September, with confirmation held on December 19. Contact Kersi for more information.

The children are welcome to participate in an outdoor Godly Play lesson on September 12.

Bring your furry, finned or feathered friends to receive a blessing at our Blessing of the Animals service on September 26 at 10:15 AM. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier for everyone's comfort.

Thank you to all who helped at the Work Bee on Tuesday morning and others who have worked behind the scenes to ready the church for this day throughout the summer.

During the month of September, the Outreach Committee is highlighting the need for baby supplies to support young families in the community. The Crisis Nursery of the Brenda Strafford Foundation and Basically Babies, an organization that provides layettes to impoverished new mothers, are two organizations that are asking for help. If you would like to donate an item, we will be collecting them in the Narthex throughout the month of September.

The Crisis Nursery requests donations of infant formula: lactose-free formula; Enfamil Gentlease; Good Start; Similac; Kirkland

Basically Babies requests clean, good quality, gently used new baby clothing (sized 0-24 months) and small baby supplies or items including: snowsuits, jackets, sweaters, outfits, pants, shirts, dresses, undershirts, sleepers, hats, mittens, slippers, socks, shoes (size 0-6), receiving blankets, warm blankets, storybooks, bibs, towels, toys (appropriate for newborn to 24 months), stuffed animals (up to 24"), unopened packages of baby shampoo, baby lotion, and baby soap. They are unable to accept car seats, baby seats, baby swings, highchairs, strollers, walkers, baby furniture, maternity clothes, breast pumps or very large items.

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Lay Assistant: Dawn Jones
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Sidespeople at 10:15 AM: Kris Lowery, Anne Tapp, Rick Tapp
Technical Arts: Rick Wards, John Bird
Altar Guild: Mary Douglas, Lisa Mitchell