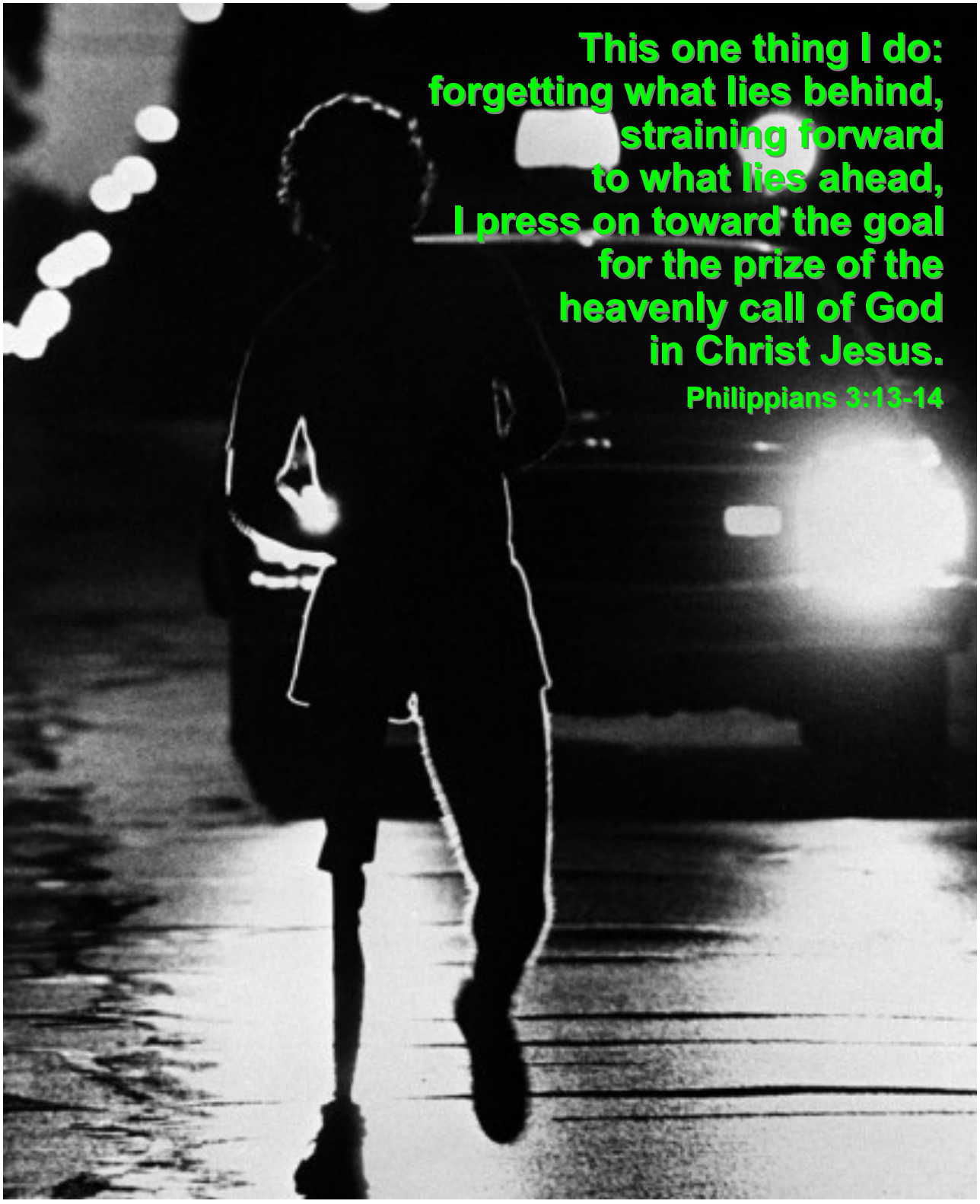
Order of Service for October 4, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am
Service of the Word
Officiating: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles
Preaching: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



Service of the Word

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Collect of the Day (screen)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 19 (screen)

The Holy Gospel

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

MATTHEW 21:33-46

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Homily

Apostles' Creed (screen)

Confession and Absolution (screen)

The Peace (screen)

Offertory (screen)

Prayer over the Gifts (screen)

The Prayers of the People

A Responsive Intercession (screen)

Prayer in Response to COVID-19 (screen)

Prayer for Safe Reopening for In-Person Worship (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Closing Hymn: One More Step (screen)

The Blessing

Dismissal (screen)

Virtual Coffee Time (Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84357965930?pwd=RnZ1UGdoNotOMGFoOWpPVoVDVUIyUT09)

Prayers for This Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the ***Anglican Church of Tanzania .***

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for ***Bishop Logan McMenamie, the clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the Greater Vancouver Conference of the British Columbia Synod.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the parish of ***St. Cyprian, Brocket St. Paul & St. Thomas, Cardston*** and for the ***National House of Bishops.***

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, ***we pray for the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, Fergus Tyson, Cyril Haynes, Norman Knowles, Bob Mummery, and their families; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle.***

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you ***the family of Joy (Abby's sister); the family of Barrin***; Antony; Judy; ***Raymond (uncle of Paul); the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie;*** Crystal (niece of Rosemarie)***; Bill & Pat; Steve;*** the family of Bob***; the family of Carmen;*** John; ***the family of Bonnie; Gerald***; ***Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly*** (mother of Sian); ***the family of Simon; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin)***; Jo; ***the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers); the family of Joan (mother of Richard); Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen); Julia; the Herritt family in their bereavement; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family***; ***Michael***; ***Barb;*** Jen***; the family of Leslie;*** Patrick, ***Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen;*** Eleanor; ***Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); Dorothy***; ***the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella);*** Max & Rebecca; ***Anne***; ***Dozy & Obie & family; Kathy***; ***Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne); Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn);*** Dennis***; Mike; Val; Martin; Chinazor; Sheila; Melissa and her family; Adrianna;*** Peggy; ***Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas***; ***Michelle; Ian; the family of Nina;*** Pat; Christine; ***Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen; Jacquie; Ellen; Pauline;*** Monika (mother of Dennis); ***Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); Trudy (cousin of Iona); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret;*** Marlene; and ***the family of James (father of Allison).***

We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for nurses and all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill.

We pray for comfort for the people of Lebanon after the terrible explosion in Beirut, and the chaos that's followed.

We pray for all struggling economically, and all those affected by fires, floods, storms or other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and for an end to violence throughout the world***—in particular, the violence of racism. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for justice for all;*** safe haven for those who have fled their homes; repentance for the perpetrators of evil; and for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for the opportunity to resume in-person worship, and ask that you will uplift all our hearts and keep all of us safe as we do so.

We thank you for *the improving health of Sheila,* and your healing touch, which sustains us every day all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

The Flower Fund this week is given to the Glory of God by Jon McIntyre and Rhonda Trundle in thanksgiving for our Fathers Arthur Trundle and Bill McIntyre.