

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK**  
**SAINT LUKE'S**      **CHRIST CHURCH**



**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 26, 2020**



SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 13:31-32 31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed,

**Service of Spiritual Communion**

Will be recorded Sunday morning  
and available on

Facebook & YouTube & our Webpage in the evening.



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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

## **Welcome!**

**The service begins on page 185  
of the Book of Alternative Services.**

### **Scripture Sentence:**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

*John 6.68*

### **Greeting**

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### **Glory to God** (say together)

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**Collect:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 29:15-28 - Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters**

**Psalm 105 vs 1 - 11 (responsively by half verse) p. 845**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Roman 8:26-39 - Future Glory**

**Mission Statement:** *Together:*

We are a worshipping Anglican Community, nourished by Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Fellowship. We

are guided by the Holy Spirit to care for God's creation, so that all may know the peace of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**  
- **The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

**Sermon: “What is the Kingdom of Heaven Like?”** Rev. Shirley

**The Apostles’ Creed** p. 189

**Prayers of the People: Litany #2** p. 112

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Confession and Absolution** p. 191

**The Peace** p. 192

**Prayer Over the Gifts** p. 371

(offering plates remain at the back of the nave)

**Guidance on Spiritual Communion and Coronavirus**

*(from the Church of England, authorized by Bishop David Edwards)*

On this 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, we share in Spiritual Communion. The term ‘Spiritual Communion’ has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. This period of Covid-19 recovery is one such time. Spiritual Communion offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Jesus when we would ordinarily be able to partake bread and wine at the Eucharist.

The Church is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, ‘I am the Bread of Life’.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

We pray together:

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' John 6.35

Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for your saving death and resurrection, and we ask You to be with us now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,

for all the benefits you have given us,

for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.

Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,

We ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.

O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.** *Adapted from the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful.

in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you.

in these days of emptiness, take possession of us.

in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross. **Amen.** *Angela Ashwin*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,

and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Prayer after Spiritual Communion**

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## **Parish Vision Statement:** *Together:*

We will become a more caring community of believers who learn together, nurture and support each other, and reach out to the community at large with the love of Christ.

## **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

**Officiant:** Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Our Special Prayers** are requested for: Janet, Kim, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Wesley, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Barbara, Bishop David's mother, Doreen, and his father John.

### **Caring for One Another during Covid-19 Recovery**

We are here for you during this challenging time. If you would like to speak with someone or need help, please contact Nancy English (328-2295) or Mary-Beth Rideout (325-3476) on our Pastoral Care Team, or Rev. Shirley Noseworthy (328-9913).

## **Participating in Today's Service**

Officiant & Preacher: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Mary-Beth Rideout

Video: Armin Hackelsperger

Usher: Dorine Dennique

Greeters: Richard Dennique & Marilyn Sherman

## **Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

**Happy birthday** to Casey Acott, Keith Brown, Gordon Spires, and anyone else celebrating a birthday!

**Happy anniversary** to Larry & Cindy Graham and to anyone else celebrating their special day!

A prayer for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:  
Showers of blessings, rivers of love,  
shouts of joy sent down from above,  
the assurance God gives when you believe,  
These are the gifts we pray you receive. Amen.

## **Families Helping Families in July**

Thank you to those who helped Wes Corey & the fine staff at the River deliver meals to seniors and shut-ins: Nancy & Bobby English, Zoe Frame, and Royce Brown. July 26<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday for meal delivery. God bless you all!

## **During the Covid-19 Yellow Recovery Phase**

Our Operational Plan is still in place. Expect things to be different when you come to worship, including screening, your temperature will be taken, hand sanitizing, physical distancing, and no singing, following provincial guidelines.

## **For everyone's safety**

Anyone who is high risk, including elderly and people with underlying health issues, are asked to remain at home for your safety and protection.

If you have cold or flu symptoms, please remain at home and come when you are feeling well.

**Check out our Website!**  
[woodstocknbanglican.ca](http://woodstocknbanglican.ca)

The site contains news, events, recorded sermons and services, information on our ministries, and more!

There is a place at the bottom of any page on our website to sign up to receive our weekly Newsletter.

# Bulletin Board

## **Recorded Worship**

Services are recorded live Sunday morning and will be available for viewing later Sunday evening on Facebook & YouTube and our Website.

**St. Luke's, July 26 - 10:30 am Spiritual Communion**

**Next Sunday, Aug. 2 – 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

## **During August**

During August, services will continue at St. Luke's, since operating with a washroom that has hot and cold running water is a requirement by government during the Covid-19 recovery phase.

Some folks have been asking about Holy Eucharist. We have been missing this most sacred sacrament during the Covid-19 pandemic but understand that people's health and safety come first. We are proceeding with caution.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of August, there will be Holy Eucharist, with communion in one kind, bread only. To respect physical distancing and limit movement around the interior of the church nave, we will administer the bread at the end of the service, as folks are leaving the church.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of August, there will be Morning Prayer.