

## Readings:

### **October 15 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *(Green)*

Exodus 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

### **October 22 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *(Green)*

Exodus 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

### **October 29 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *(Green)*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

### **November 5 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *(Green)*

Joshua 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12;

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

### **November 12 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *(Green)*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 19 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** *(Green)*

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Ps. 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

### **November 26 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Reign of Christ** *(White)* Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

Ps. 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

*Anglican Parish of Stafford-Whitewater*

## **Thanksgiving Sunday**

October 8, 2017

## **Holy Eucharist**

Joint Parish Service 10 a.m. St. Paul's (Cobden)

**Parish Incumbent:** The Rev. L. Wheeler (613-735-3373)

<http://www.ottawavalleyanglicans.ca/stafford.html>

### **Welcome & Call to Worship**

*(P)* Come, let us dwell in God's shelter. Let us dwell in God's work of art. Come, because the Earth is the Lord's, and God's Earth is our home. ***(All)* We live in God's World; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, with the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, and with all our brothers and sisters.**

*(P)* God is good and everything God makes is good. God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit. Let us worship God!

### **Prayer for Season of Creation** *(said together)*

**Creator God, who breathes life into each of your creatures, give us the wisdom to comprehend the fragile equilibrium in which we subsist and the courage to change our habits so as to better safeguard your Creation. Amen.**

### **Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

## Prayer for Illumination

**(All)** You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. May we now open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. Speak to us in new, vital and imperative ways. With all the power you have give us, let us be silent and open to listening for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

**Reading:** Genesis 2:4b-15

**Psalm 148** (*trans. Allan Jenkins*)

*(P)* Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens;  
praise God from the heights! Praise God, all you angels;  
Praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!

**(All)** Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

*(P)* Let them praise the name of the Most High, for God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**(All)** Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

*(P)* Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**(All)** Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, royalty and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

*(P)* Let them praise the name of God, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

**(All)** God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Hallelujah!

**Reading:** Job 12:7-10

**Hymn** *This is God's Wondrous World*

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

**Proclamation of the Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46    **Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**            **Exchange of Peace**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn** *Let All Creation Bless the Lord*

Let all creation bless the Lord,  
till heaven with praise is ringing.  
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord,  
stir up the angels' singing.  
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!  
Make music, day, night, cold and heat:  
exalt the God who made you.

All living things upon this earth,  
green fertile hills and mountains,  
sing to the God who gave you birth;  
be joyful, springs and fountains.  
Lithe water life, bright airborne birds,  
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:  
exalt the God who made you.

O men and women everywhere,  
lift up a hymn of glory;  
all you who know God's steadfast care,  
tell out salvation's story.  
No tongue be silent; sing your part,  
you humble soul and meek of heart;  
exalt the God who made you.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*(P)* The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts. ***(All)* We lift them to the Lord.**

*(P)* Let us give thanks to our Father through Jesus. With the prophets and with all your saints serving you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. ***(All)* 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.**

*(P)* We thank you, Holy God that you sent Jesus to be born into this world and live among us. Through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. People had turned away from you and no longer loved each other the way you loved us. Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to your love and now brings us together to this table to remember his love for us and for all people.

The night before he died when Jesus was at supper with his friends, he took bread and gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

When supper was ended, Jesus took a cup of wine, thanked you, and gave it to his friends saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Life-giving God, we ask you now to bless these our gifts of bread and wine from your creation and make them holy. Fill us with the joy of the Holy spirit as we receive this bread and wine and then send us out in peace to share your love with the world.

**(All) As we eat and drink these holy gifts, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread #1: (P)** "I am the bread of life", says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst." **(All) Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

**Lamb of God (#745)**

**Prayer: (P)** All your works praise you, O Lord.

**(All) And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to all of your creation; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your beloved children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Concluding Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,

wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

### **Closing Responses**

*(P)* God has brought us, taught us, fed us.

***(All)*** As he sent his Son, so now he sends us.

*(P)* Go prayerfully into the world, bringing God's peace and light.

***(All)*** As the world prospers, we also will prosper.

*(P)* Be strengthened with the blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May the presence of God give you hope, Jesus give you faith, and the Spirit empower you with love.

***(All)*** We go in thankfulness and trust! Amen!

**Prayers: Companion Diocese of Jerusalem:** St. George's Cathedral (Jerusalem), Educational Ministry of the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School, Ramallah.

***In our diocese:*** The people of God gathered in the Parish of Eastern Outaouais: Christ Church (Poltimore), St. George's (Gatineau), St. John's in the Wilderness (Glen Almond), St. Stephen's (Buckingham), St. Thomas (Silver Creek). Those in our diocese living under religious vows.

***In our Parish:*** our 5 congregations of St. Augustine, St. Patrick, St. Paul, St. Stephen, St. Thomas.

For those who have asked for our prayers: Heather, Jack, Ryan, Dakota, Haley, Sherry, Ruth, Lepha, Evelyn, Donna, Michael, Irish, James, Sharon, Tom, Dave, Nicholas, Donald, Phil, Jordanne, Dorothy, Ed, Peggy, Margaret, Nathan, Gwen, Lloyd.

For all those in need: those we hold in our hearts and those known only to God.

For all of God's creation. For victims of violence, terrorism and natural disaster. For lasting peace throughout our world.

### **Announcements**

**Oct. 15** 2 p.m. Champlain Trail Museum is holding a commemorative service for the former Micksburg United Church now located at the museum. The service will include a hymn sing, special music, reflections on the history of the church and its journey to the museum. Service will be followed by refreshments.

**Oct. 22** 2:00 p.m. **Musical & Visual Tour of the Ottawa Valley** by Jim Beattie. Micksburg Community Centre. \$15.00/person. Lunch to follow. Tickets: 613-732-9432, 613-735-1637.

**Oct. 22** 2:30 p.m. Wesley United Church (Pembroke) **Old Tyme Gospel Hymn Sing**. Combined choirs of United Churches in the area, special guests & congregational singing. Free-will offering in support of the Robbie Dean Centre, for families in distress and crisis. Refreshments to follow.

**October 28** 3 p.m. A celebration of Martin Luther's 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lutherans, Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations are invited to join together in a grand "Service of Common Prayer", St. Columkille's Cathedral (188 Renfrew St., Pembroke).

**Nov. 2-4 Diocesan Synod**

**Nov. 5 Louis Schryer and Erin Leahy.** Micksburg Community Hall, 2 pm - 4 pm. \$20/ person. Advanced tickets only. Light refreshments during intermission. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the upkeep of the hall. Tickets: 613-732-9432, 613-585-9219.