

Sunday, August 31st, 2008—The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist (BAS) 11am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Exodus 3.1–15 or Jeremiah 15.15–21

Psalms 105.1–6, 23–26, 45c or 26.1–8

Romans 12.9–21 Matthew 16.21–28

Parish Notices

The Labyrinth was prepared by a dedicated team of volunteers from Calgary, opened last Sunday and is now available for use at any time. It is located behind the church and can be viewed from the window in the Upper Hall.

The monthly potluck lunch will be held on August 31st. Please join us.

Sunday School begins on September 14th. There will be a meeting to plan Sunday School and look at our new curriculum on Thursday, September 4th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited. Those without children are strongly encouraged to attend.

The next baptism will be on Sunday, September 14th.

Our welcome back potluck Sunday will be September 28th. Weather permitting we will fire up the BBQ as well!



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**WELCOME!
A NOTE TO VISITORS**

If you are visiting this Sunday, a very warm greeting to you!

We are delighted to welcome you and trust you will feel very much at home in this beautiful place. A large part of the ministry of St. George's is to be a place of warm hospitality and worship for many visitors to this National Park from all over the world.

It has been the practice of St. George's for some time to alternate the two Anglican rites, the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services, so that there is a celebration using each rite each Sunday.

One of the challenges we face is ministering to the very many young seasonal employees in the park, many of who are away from home for the first time. We have begun this by supporting and connecting with the Living Room, a programme of the Banff Service Industry Network reaching out to 18–30 year old workers in our service industry.

And we are following a dream to build a programme of Wilderness Spirituality, helping residents and visitors deepen their relationship with God in the context of the incredible beauty which surrounds us, and exploring the theological implications human care for the environment.

We invite you to check out our website: www.stgeorgesinthepines.org. We are a small congregation and struggle to provide the resource to keep our ministry vital and the church building cared for. You may feel called to share in this support. There are visitors' envelopes on the back table, and your gift will be responsibly used and much appreciated. If you wish to help in a larger and more visionary way, please speak to the rector or wardens.

May God bless you in your visit to Banff and your return home.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2008 • Holy Eucharist at 11:00am

Prelude O Perfect Love *Joseph Barnby*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 350*

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

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All 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 *ALL SING* *Common Praise 686*

Trisagion *SAID THREE TIMES*

All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day *ALL REMAIN STANDING*

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading *PLEASE BE SEATED* *Exodus 1.8–2.10*

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 *BAS p. 884*

The Second Reading *Romans 12.1–8*

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 334*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 16.13–20*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

AFTER THE GOSPEL,

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *PLEASE BE SEATED* *The Reverend Helen Belcher*

The Apostles' Creed *ALL STAND*

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Bidding In you, O Lord:

Response is all meaning and truth.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant 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.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

The Peace *ALL STAND*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn *Common Praise 555*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our
love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy *by Jim Strathdee*

All Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

blessèd is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *BAS p. 212*

The Invitation *BAS p. 213*

The Communion

*IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION, ALL WHO ARE
BAPTIZED, IN WHATEVER CHURCH, ARE WELCOME
TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.*

Prayer after Communion *PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.

Guide and direct us

that we may please you in all things,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 508*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Voluntary A voluntary for the full organ *John Stanley*

Year A – Proper 16 – Prayers of the People

The Church is the Body of Christ, built on strong rock of faith and energized by the living Breath of God.

Gathered as the Church of God, members of the Body of Christ, let us pray.

Fill your Church, O Lord, with life and energy, spiritual health and vitality.

We remember especially The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and St. Barnabas, Tsuu T'ina in our diocese.

As we feed on you, may we grow more like you; may we exercise your loving kindness, minister with your tenderness, serve with your humility and co-operate with your vision.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Fill your world, O Lord, with wonder at creation, recognition of our mutual human responsibility, desire for reforming faults, and hope in the living at peace with God and with one another.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Fill our homes and neighbourhoods, O Lord, with the generosity and trust that allows liberty but is always ready to encourage and support. May we cherish our bodies, minds and spirits as dwellings of your Spirit, and honour one another as people of your making.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

We pray for all who are ill at home or in hospital, for all in emergency surgery or in casualty; for those who have just discovered life-changing injuries or illnesses.

We pray especially for Annette Gordon, Wendy Hansen, Anne Vellacott, and others known to you.

We pray for the work of all who heal and comfort, all who visit the sick and counsel the distressed.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

We pray for the dying and those who love them; we pray for those who have completed this life and have made the journey through death.

We remember particularly, Evelyn Crosby and the three Canadian soldiers killed this week in Afghanistan.

We pray for the work of those who comfort the bereaved.

In you, O Lord: **is all meaning and truth.**

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with thankfulness and praise as we recall your faithfulness and live in your love.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**