

Sunday, October 5th, 2008—The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

8am Holy Eucharist (BAS) 11am The Blessing of Animals

Genesis 1.20–25 Job 12.7–10

Isaiah 11.6–9 Matthew 5.3–10

Parish Notices

Today is our welcome back Sunday Potluck. Please join us after the service for good food and good company.

Next Sunday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring your animal friends, large and small for a special blessing.

October 14th Vestry 7:30 pm in the Upper Hall.

October 19th visioning with the Rev'd Don McLeod. We will meet immediately after the 11 am service for our second visioning session.



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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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2008 • Holy Eucharist at 11:00am

Prelude O Perfect Love *Joseph Barnby*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 381*

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. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading *PLEASE BE SEATED* *Exodus 17.1–7*

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25.1–9*BAS p. 733***The Second Reading***Philippians 2.1–3**AFTER THE READING,**Reader* The word of the Lord.*All* Thanks be to God.**The Holy Gospel***Matthew 21.23–32**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 Rector***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* O God, work in us:*Response* inspire both will and deed.**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 372***Prayer over the Gifts***Celebrant* Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive
the offering of your people gathered before you, and open
our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the
same Jesus Christ our Lord.*All* Amen.**The Great Thanksgiving****Holy, Holy, Holy***by Jim Stratthdee**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***Communion Hymn** *ALL SING**Common Praise 65**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. Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name 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 341***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 21 – Prayers of the People

God longs for us to die to sin and live, but it has to be our choice also.

God has called us; as we gather in his name, let us bring to him our prayers which come from our love and concern.

Lord, we thank you for all the help and encouragement we are given from the Church – from its worship, teaching and fellowship; from its faithfulness in prayer.

We remember especially The Episcopal Church in the USA; St. John, New Brigden and All Saints, Oyen in our diocese.

Bless and further all loving ministry in word and sacrament throughout the whole Church; inspire us all to want your will and to do it.

O God, work in us: **inspire both will and deed.**

Lord, we pray for the world, where the misery and tragedy of wrong choices grieves your heart of love. Let there be wisdom and compassion in all deliberations and decisions; let there be humility in leadership and shared responsibility for action.

O God, work in us: **inspire both will and deed.**

Lord, we bring to you the joys and worries, the frustrations and accomplishments of this week in the lives we have met and shared. As we pray, let your light shine into all these lives for fresh directions and lasting good.

O God, work in us: **inspire both will and deed.**

Lord, we bring to you those we know who are ill or suffering in any way.

We pray especially for Annette Gordon, Wendy Hansen and Anne Vellacott.

Give them healing, restore them in body, mind and spirit, and provide them with your indwelling.

O God, work in us: **inspire both will and deed.**

Lord, we remember in your presence all those who have died, and particularly those we have known and loved. We thank you for their lives on earth and for your promise of eternal life and peace. May we comfort one another through your love.

O God, work in us: **inspire both will and deed.**

Lord, we thank you for your offer of life in all its abundance; may we accept it with joy every day of our life.

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