

Sunday, May 31, 2009—The Day of Pentecost
8 am *Said Eucharist (BAS)* 11 am *Festal Eucharist (BCP)*
Acts 2.1–21 or Ezekiel 37.1–14 Psalm 104.24–34, 35b
Romans 8.22–27 or Acts 2.1–21 John 15.26–27; 16.4b–15

Parish Notices

Our labyrinth is now open. Please walk it often as that way it will become well defined.

Both George and Helen are away until May 28th. Please welcome The Reverend Brook Mitchell today. Office coverage has been provided by Paige Jensen.

Our next parish potluck will be next Sunday, May 31st.

2009 marks our 120th Anniversary. Please block off the weekend of All Saints Day (November 1st) now, as there will be several special events.

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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. For 120 years, St. George's has continuously been 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.

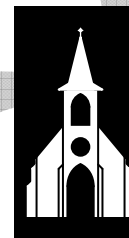
And we are following a dream to build a programme of Wilderness Spirituality, helping residents and visitors deepen their relationship with God in the context of the incredible beauty which surrounds us, and exploring the theological implications human care for the environment.

Please also visit 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. To help in a larger and more visionary way, please speak to the Rector or Wardens.

May God bless you in Banff and your return home.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 2009 • *Festal Eucharist at 11:00 am*

Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn *ALL STAND* *Common Praise 378*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

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, your son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule
over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity
of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring
the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is
alive 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* *Acts 1.1–11*

AFTER THE READING,

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalms 47 *SAID RESPONSIVELY* *BAS p. 764*

The Second Reading*Ephesians 1.15–23**AFTER THE READING,**Reader* The word of the Lord.*All* Thanks be to God.**Gradual Hymn** *ALL STAND**Common Praise 491***Easter Alleluias***Matthew 28.19, 20**Gospeller* Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**The Holy Gospel***Luke 24.44–53**Gospeller* The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.*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 Brook Mitchell***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* Let the kingdom come:*Response* let your kingdom come.**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 246***Prayer over the Gifts***Celebrant* Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake 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*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.*People* Now we are raised to new life.*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.*People* Now we share in your resurrection.*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.**The Invitation***Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.*People* Thanks be to God.**Communion Hymn** *ALL SING**Common Praise 245**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. Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*All* Amen.*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.**Easter Blessing***Celebrant* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.*All* Amen.**Closing Hymn** *ALL STAND**Common Praise 247***Dismissal***Celebrant* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**Voluntary**

YEAR B — ASCENSION — PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Having bought back our freedom with the giving of his life,
Jesus enters into the full glory to which he is entitled.*

Rejoicing that Jesus has ascended into the heavens,
let us pray in confidence to God our Father.

We pray in thankfulness
for those who introduced us to Jesus
and who help us along our spiritual journey.
We pray for one another in this church
and for all Christians, young and old,
throughout the world.

We remember today the whole of The Anglican Communion; and particularly
The Parish of Christ Church, Calgary, in our own diocese.

Let the kingdom come: **let your kingdom come.**

We pray with longing
for the world to be governed
in accordance with your law of love;
that all your creation may be revered
and treated with respect.

Let the kingdom come: **let your kingdom come.**

We pray with concern
for all the homes, schools and places of work in this community;
rejoicing in all that is of you,
and asking your healing forgiveness
wherever there is discord or bitterness.

Let the kingdom come: **let your kingdom come.**

We pray with hope
for the healing and restoration to wholeness
of all who are ill or troubled,
damaged or depressed.

We pray particularly for Annette Gordon, Wendy Hansen, Cherry MacDonald
and Anne Vellacott.

Let the kingdom come: **let your kingdom come.**

We pray with confidence
for those who have come to the end
of their earthly lives,
that they may be given merciful judgement
and welcomed into the glory of heaven.

Let the kingdom come: **let your kingdom come.**

We pray for those recently or about to be married, remembering especially
Nicole McCray and Alan Hilshey.

Let the kingdom come: **let your kingdom come.**

We pray with joy
as we celebrate Jesus entering the glory
he so richly deserves, and look expectantly
towards his second coming.

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