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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2019

SUNG EUCHARIST 10:00AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

The Sentence: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart." (Matthew 11.29)

Processional Hymn **RB 7** Ye Watchers Ye Holy

Priest: 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.

Priest Almighty God,
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

Priest Glory to God in the Highest

Kyrie Eleison **Page 186**

The Collect: **Page 377**

Praise & Worship: **BB 138** We are standing on Holy Ground

THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm: Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (tune: Daly Daly)
Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gradual Hymn: **BB 435** God of Grace, and God of Glory
Chorus: Alle, Alle, Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14
Chorus: Alle, Alle, Alleluia!
Sermon **Rev Fr Theadore Hunt**

THE RESPONSE

The Apostles Creed..... Page 189

Prayers of the People

*The Response to each petition is:
"Hear Our Prayer."*



Confession & Absolution

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Priest 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 SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn : **BB 648** Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer over The Gifts:.. **page 376**

Eucharistic Prayer 3: ... **page 198**

- The Lord's Prayer (West Indian)

Communion Hymns:

- **BB 413** Break Thou The Bread
- **BB 563** Open My Eyes
- **BB 612** In This Very room

Ablutions: **BB 391** Sweet Spirit

Prayer after Communion: **page 378**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Priest: The peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements

Recessional Hymn: ... **BB 730** Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Dismissal *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



He said also to the one who had invited him,

"When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00AM to 12:00PM.

Holy Baptism: The sacrament of holy baptism will next be administered on Sunday September 15th when we observe the Feast of the Holy Cross. For more information or an application form, please speak with Fr. Theadore.

Book Study: "Eternity Is Now In Session" by John Ortberg. Join us this Fall (September) for a radical rediscovery of what Jesus really taught about salvation, eternity, and getting to the good place. Books are now available in the Parish Office at \$22.

Alpha Course: Our Area Bishop the Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison will lead us in this exploration of the basic questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith. When?: Wednesdays from September 25th to November 20th, 6pm to 8:30pm. Where?: St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 3962 Bloor Street W, Etobicoke.

65 Strong: Sustaining the next generation. What is it? 65 individuals/families committing to contribute \$65 per month over and above their regular contribution from March 2019 to August 2020. Your contribution supports both the rectory renovation (70%) and the operating fund (30%). How can you support? \$1092 one-time contribution, \$65 monthly, \$15 weekly, or just \$2 per day. Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God.

NEW Parish Photo Directory: In recognition and celebration of 65 years in ministry as a Parish, the Church of St. Stephen, Downsview will compile a new photo directory as we recognize those families which have journeyed with us for some time and celebrate those who are new to this faith community.

The photo appointment dates have been set as follows:
Friday, September 27th & October 11th from 2:30 pm-8:30 pm, and
Saturday September 28th & October 12th from 10am-3pm.
Sign-up sheets will be made available to the Parish.

Corporation meeting: The next meeting of the Corporation will be on Monday September 9th at 6pm.

Advisory Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Saturday September 14th at 10am.

Dance in the Parish Hall, Saturday, October 26th, see Wendy for details

RECURRING

- Tuesday (resumes 10-Sep, 7:00 pm) ... Prayer & Bible Study
- Wednesdays @ 9:45am-12:30pm Saints Café
- Thursday (resumes 12-Sep, 7:30 pm) Choir Practice

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S

10: 00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Racheal, Kameel, Tellece
Chalice: Bosun Williams, Nicole DaCosta
Readers: Orphtee Quarcoo, Omoyeni Oni
Intercessor: Margaret Quarcoo
Altar Guild: Wendy C
Counters: Foster, Maraval, Kameel, Lotoya
Servers: Chante, Briana, Ladainian, Shanique, Marc

NEXT WEEK

9: 00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Service

Ushers:	Omeyeni,	Roslyn/Briana, Orphtee, Uche
Chalice:	Rhona, Hilton	Iris, Emmerson
Readers:		Janet, Dwight
Intercessor:		Hyacinth
Altar Guild:		Wendy, Beverly
Counters:		Pauline, Wendy, Tellece, Shalon
Servers:		Kanier, Matthew, Kendra, Mika, Samaya

SUMMARY NUMBERS

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	BUDGET	YTD
	110	\$3,101.25	\$2,966	\$88,843.25

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD AS OF 30-JUL

		Budget Revenue	Actual Revenue	Budget Expense	Actual Expenditure
Total Revenue & Expense	2018	\$144,898	\$116,149	\$144,898	\$114,898
	2019	\$131,063	\$113.106	\$141,519	\$116,934

PREPARE YOURSELF WITH PRAYER & READING

† **READ** the Scripture every day. *What is God calling me to be or to do today?*

<u>This Week's Readings for Daily Devotion</u>		
Mon.	Ps. 25	2 Chr 6.32-7 Mk 14.53-65
Tue.	Ps.26, 28	1 Kg 8.65-9.9 Mk 14.66-72
Wed.	Ps 38	1 Kg 9.24-10.13 Mk 15.1-11
Thu.	Ps. 37.1-18	1 Kg 11.1-13 Mk 15.12-21
Fri.	Ps. 31	1 Kg 12.26-43 Mk 15.22-32
Sat.	Ps. 30, 32	1 Kg 12.1-20 Mk 15.33-39

Readings for Next Sunday - Sep 8th, 2019 (13th Sunday after Pentecost)
Jeremiah 2:4-13 ; Psalm 81:1,10-16 ; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS	Shannon Samms (1), Merceline Keen (4), Isaiah Stoute (7)
	<p>Birthday Prayer: Watch over these, Your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when they are discouraged and sorrowful, raise them up if they fall, and in their hearts may your peace which surpasses all understanding abide with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
SICK & RECOVERING	Alton Ballantyne, George Barnett, Simone Bartley, Carol Blackmore-Griffiths, Courtney Bolden, Dophne Bolden, Thelma Edwards, Kathleen Ellis, Fitzgerald Grant, Rueben Grant, Nellie Greenidge, Andrew Gunraj, Carmen Hibbert, Rita John, Felicia McCalla, Hyacinth Nwosu, Paul Patterson, Kathleen Reid, Dorine Russell, Joan Singh, Pauline Stewart, Rema Yellery,
SICK FRIENDS	Michael Alder, Ken Bahadur, Abigail Barran, Rosette Bartley, Jacqueline Brady, Mohani Budhwa, Susan Budnic, Joyce Burpee, Louise Cornelius, Reginald Cornelius, Melmeth Cummins, Diane Eastman, Veronica Eastman, Norma Elcock, Rhoda Bailey Garbutt, Canon James (Jim) Garland, Benedicta Emilia Hadad, Courtney Hemmings, Donna Henriques, Charles Holder, Evelyn Hordatt, Margaret Hudson, Enric Johnson, Nathlee Jones, Tania Leon, Kyle McIntosh, James Mungra, Ian Nero, The Venerable Gbenga Oniye, Randy Peters, Robert Sinclair, Mary Lee Taylor, Nolan Telfer, Charles Warrington, Barbara Joseph Welch, Joyce Williams, Vanessa Williams,