



St. George's Anglican Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity August 27, 2023



Jésus guérissant un sourd-muet/Jesus healing a deaf-mute. (1635). Bartholomeus Breenbergh (1598 – 1657). Oil on panel

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

8 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

The Holy Communion service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer. The Collect, Lesson, and Gospel are found on pages 236-237. The Introit and Gradual are printed in this bulletin.

10:30 am Sung Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

Mass setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

The Parish Choir is now on summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Our Music Director, Garth MacPhee, is also now on holiday and we welcome Dr. Neil Cockburn, Director of Chapel Music at the University of King's College, as our guest organist this morning. Jordan Gracie will serve as cantor for the service.

Opening Hymn 3 NEW every morning is the love

Melcombe

The Introit Psalm 70

tone V.1



O GOD, MAKE speed to *save* me; / O Lord, make *haste* to help me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; /
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me e-vil.

Let them for their reward be soon brought to *shame* /
that cry o-ver me 'There,^there.'

But let those that seek thee be joyful and *glad* in^thee; /
and let all such as love thy salvation say always, 'The Lord be praised.'

As for me, I am poor and in *mi-se^ry*; / haste thee *un-to* me, O^God.

Thou art my helper and my *re-deem-er*; / O Lord, make *no long tar-ry^ing*.
Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, / and to the Ho-ly^Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be, /
world with-out end. A-men.

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity

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The Summary of the Law

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The Kyrie

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Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect

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Please sit

The Epistle (2 Corinthians 3:4)

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Please stand

The Gradual Psalm 34: 1-5

tone III.2



I WILL AL-way give thanks *un-*to the Lord; /
his praise shall ever *be~ in~* my mouth.

My soul shall make her *boast in the Lord;* /
the humble shall hear *there-of~ and~* be glad.

O *praise* the^Lord with me, / and let us magnify his *Name~ to~ge-ther.*

I sought the Lord, *and he heard me;* /
yea, he delivered me *out~ of~* all my^fears.

O look unto him *and* be light-ened; / **and your faces shall *not~be~* a-shamed.**

The Holy Gospel (St Luke 18:9)

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The Nicene Creed

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The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Peter Harris, *Honourary Assistant*

Offertory Hymn 377 O FOR a thousand tongues to sing

Richmond

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

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The Confession

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The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus & Benedictus

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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The Agnus Dei

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. (*repeat*).

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you come to the altar rail.

Communion Hymn 249 JESU, thou joy of loving hearts

Hamburg

The Lord's Prayer

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn 604 FAIREST LORD JESUS

Crusaders' Hymn

Voluntary

After the 10:30 service, please stay for tea and coffee in the parish hall, just out the door to the right of the pulpit and up the concrete walk. There is a wheelchair ramp off the Maitland Street side of the hall.

Today's Offices

10 am Morning Prayer (said in the Round Church) begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book. Psalm 69; Hos. 11:1-9a; Rom. 5:1-11

5 pm Evening Prayer (said in the Little Dutch Church) begins on page 18 of the Prayer Book. Psalms 71; Jer. 7:1-16; Matt. 5:21-end

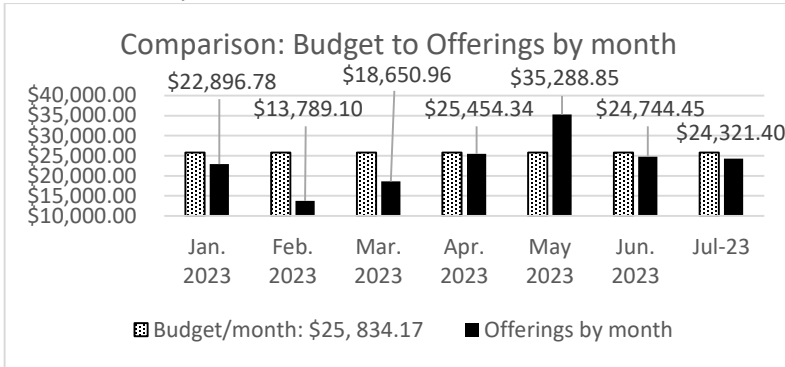
Financial update for August 1

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Round Church maintenance appeal. We were hoping to raise \$10,000 and the fund now stands at \$15,500! The additional funds are set aside for future anticipated expenses.

General/Undesignated offerings:

Our monthly budget for undesignated (general) offerings is \$25,834 per month. In June we received \$24,724.45 This translates to 95.7% of the budgeted amount or put another way, a shortfall of \$1,109.72).

For July, with one report outstanding, we have received \$24,321.40 (94.14% of budget or a shortfall \$1,512.77).



Summer is typically the time when we fall much further behind in offerings, so being this close to making the monthly offerings budget (especially with extraordinary gifts to the Round Church maintenance fund, is very encouraging! Let's stay the course for August!

Year to date	30 June 2023	31 July 2023
Budgeted undesignated offerings (\$25,834.17 per month)	\$ 155,005.02	\$ 180,839.19
Received	\$ 140,824.48	\$ 165,125.88 *
Shortfall	-\$ 14,180.54	-\$ 15,713.31

Budget for the year: \$310,009

Especially for our visitors: There are guest offering envelopes in the pews. If your pew does not have a guest envelope and you would like one, please speak to one of the greeters.

Additionally, visit www.roundchurch.ca/donate to review the many ways (offering envelopes, E-transfer, Direct Debit, Canada Helps) to contribute to the life and work of St George's parish (and more information about the parish and parish ministries).

Sarah Stevenson, Parish Treasurer 2023



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (The Anglican Church in Hong Kong)

Mon - The Diocese of Yola – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)

Tues - The Diocese of York – The Church of England (York Province)

Wed - The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Thurs - The Diocese of Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)

Fri - The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)

Sat - The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Valley Region

Rawdon, Nova Scotia: The Rev'd Kent Greet, *Priest-in-Charge*

Christ Church, Windsor: The Rev'd David Curry, *Rector*



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Notices & Announcements
 August 27, 2023

Worship schedule

Holy Communion (said): Wed, 10 am; Sun, 8 am

Choral Holy Communion: Sun, 10:30 am

Daily Offices

✠ **Morning Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 9 am; Sun, 10 am

✠ **Evening Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 5:30 pm; Sun, 5 pm

Until the end of September, the weekday offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, and Evening Prayer on Sundays, are said in the Little Dutch Church, 2393 Brunswick Street. Morning Prayer on Sundays continues to be said in the Round Church.

Scripture Readings for the Week

The Scripture readings below can be read on their own, or with the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer (see pp. 1-24 in the Book of Common Prayer), or the shortened Family Prayers in the back of the Book of Common Prayer (see pages 728-736).

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Mon	2 Kings 4. 1-37	2 Cor. 11	2 Kings 5	Luke. 23. 26-49
Tue	6. 1-23	12. 1-13	6. 24-7. 2	23. 50-24. 12
Wed	7. 3-end	12. 14-13 end	8. 1-15	24. 13-end
Thu	9	Gal. 1	11. 1-20	John 1. 1-28
Fri	11. 21-12 end	2	13	1. 29-end
Sat	14	3	2 Chron. 26	2

Prayer List

Let us pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially: Barbara, the Almasalma Family, Evelyn, Lowell & Gladys, Wendy, Patricia, Noah, Daniel, Ginny, Patricia, Kevin, Sandy, Johana and family, Grace, Karen, Chris, Denise, Kent, Verena, Willis, Ann, Keith, Anne, Loren, Roger, Jack, and Joyce.
For the Faithful Departed: The Rev'd Canon Walter Harris ('14), Elizabeth Jones ('15), Kurt Bowen ('16), Bill Comerford ('11), Heather Jensen ('16), Rick ('17), Sarah Suzanna Marsh ('04), Dorothy Coons ('13), Harvey Arthur Shaw ('11), Catherine Gallagher-Curry ('23), and the Rev'd Carson Baxter ('23).

If you have loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, please let Father Hatt know (rector@roundchurch.ca).

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, August 19 Team 6 led by Jordan Gracie. Food came from St. George's. Thank you to members of Team 6 for showing up early to cook! 155 were served.

Yesterday, August 26 Team 1 led by Jim Rawding. Food and volunteers came from St. Mark's

Next Week, September 2 Team 2 led by Mary Hills. Food will come from St. George's.

We need a handful of volunteers to cook a meal to serve at Soup Kitchen this coming Saturday, September 2nd. Please let Fr Hatt know (rector@roundchurch.ca) if you can help.

Little Dutch Church Cemetery Wall

Work on the third and final stage of the restoration of the cemetery wall around the Little Dutch Church has begun and should, finish mid-September. We welcome a similar team of expert dry stone masons from across Canada as we welcomed last summer. Thank you to Jacquie de Mestral for her outstanding leadership in this project, both in fund raising and coordinating the project as a whole. Morning and Evening Prayer will continue to be said daily in the church. Donations to support the project are still welcome! E-transfers can be sent to treasurer@littledutchchurch.ca

Choral Evensong during International Fleet Week

We will welcome sailors from across Canada and the United States and around the world to the Round Church for Choral Evensong on Thursday, September 7th at 5:30 p.m. This service is part of International Fleet Week celebrations being hosted by the Royal Canadian Navy in Halifax from September 7 to 10. Visit <https://www.hfxfleetweek.ca/> for more information. We will offer prayers for the safety and well-being of those who serve in the navy and the Armed Forces, and prayers for peace throughout the world. Padre Lt Col Dennis Newhook will preach. All are welcome. A reception follows after the service. Please come and greet our visitors!

Rector's Vacation this past Week

Father Hatt has taken his final week of summer vacation this past week (August 21-28) and will return to the parish on Tuesday, August 29th. Thank you to Father Peter Harris who is covering services during his absence and is available for pastoral emergencies. He can be contacted through the Parish Office.

Upcoming Ordination to the Diaconate

God willing, Bishop Sandra Fyfe will ordain Ginny Wilmhoff as a deacon on the eve of the Feast of St Michael and All Angels', Thursday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints' Cathedral. In September, Ginny will begin in her new role as a spiritual care provider (chaplain) in the Ridgewood Veterans Wing, a nursing home for veterans, in Saint John, New Brunswick. Please keep Ginny in your prayers during the coming weeks. All are welcome to attend the ordination.

Hope Blooms Farmers Market

On Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. a farmers market is held up the street from the Round Church at Hope Blooms, just across Brunswick Street from the Little Dutch Church. This market has fresh vegetables and fruit and some handheld baked items, all selling for very affordable prices. While you are checking on the progress of the LDC wall restoration you can also fill your shopping bags with nutritious goods.

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

excerpt from COMMON PRAYER: A Commentary on the Prayer Book Lectionary Volume 4: Trinity Sunday to the Twelfth Sunday After Trinity (p. 172-173)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The single bold theme of today's Collect, Epistle and Gospel is that it is only through the atoning merits and mediation of Jesus Christ that we dare to hope for the outflow of God's goodness to us. God is the Giver of every good and perfect gift and he alone, through his Son, can forgive sin. What a comfort it is for us to know that our God is more ready to hear than we are to pray! When we make every effort to pray and be faithful to him, he is there waiting for every turn of the heart towards him. When we have forgotten him and have turned away to our own preoccupations, he is still there, waiting to hear us and forgive us no matter how much pain we have caused him by our sin. "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isa. 65. 24).

We continue our address to God by admitting that he is "wont" (accustomed) "to give more than either we desire or deserve." Remember the story of the prodigal son who returns to his father asking only to be

treated as a hired servant, but instead receives a loving and forgiving welcome as a son who was lost but is now found — an affectionate embrace, the finest clothing and a wonderful banquet (Luke 15. 11-32). Likewise, our God offers us a spiritual feast if we would only return to him. He will embrace us with his saving and forgiving wounds, he will do the us in love, and he welcomes us to that gracious banquet of the Holy Communion where we eat the Bread of eternal salvation and drink the Cup of everlasting life. No one has ever turned to God and not received the promise: "Let him return..., to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55. 7).

Asking God to "pour down upon us the abundance of mercy", we plead with him to forgive us "those things whereof our conscience is afraid." Which one of us finds it easy to admit some of our sins, some of our shortcomings? Which one of us can know the love of God, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, and not have a troubled conscience when we examine our hearts? But we must confess all to him "unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid" (p. 67, Book of Common Prayer), for if we confess all, we will be forgiven all. Fear is replaced by humility and gratitude: "I am a sinner full of doubts and fears, Make me a humble thing of Love and Tears." (Hartley Coleridge, quoted in Armitage, p. 110).

The blood of Jesus Christ will purify our conscience and make it free of guilt and sin: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9. 14).

We do not doubt that our sins will be forgiven, since we confess them with a penitent heart and a true faith in him: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" (sprinkled clean with the blood of Jesus Christ), "and our bodies washed with pure water" (a reference to our spiritual washing in Baptism) (Heb. 10. 22). "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15. 57).