



February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

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Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Luke 6.23

**BAS Holy Eucharist**  
**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Lay Reader:** John Robinson

**Greeters:** Ken & Audrey Klimpke     **Reader:** Clive Hinds

**Counters:** Bev & Lindy

**Readings**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

**Hymns**

Opening     #423 How Great Thou Art (CP)

Gradual     # 767 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (old blue) (CP)

Offertory     #432 Jesus Calls Us (CP)

Communion     #110 Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (SGP)

Recessional     #378 Crown Him With Many Crowns (CP)

**Collect**

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Please join us for fellowship following the service in the Parochial Hall**

## **JEREMIAH 17:5-10-A PROPHET'S PERSPECTIVE OF THE TWO WAYS**

This passage is extracted from a larger section in Jeremiah that is filled with judgment and renewal (16:14-17:13). Strong jeremiads stand next to promises of restoration. The passage begins with a strong indictment, then a warning, and a promising piece reflective of Psalm 1 "They shall be like a tree planted by water . . . the leaves shall stay green" (7-8), followed by a description of God who searches the human heart. The basic structure here resembles the structure of Psalm 1 but in reverse: Cursed are those (5-6) . . . Blessed are those . . ." (7-8).

## **PSALM 1-TWO WAYS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE**

Psalm 1 is one of those multi-purpose, all-utility passages for worship-it provides an excellent invitation to worship, offers moral instruction as homily, and finds a home in many a choir loft. The theme of the poem is memorable: a path forks into two paths, each representing a fundamental perspective of life. If life is an accumulation of choices that we make on our journey through life, then the psalmist suggests our basic options: the path that leads to life or the one that leads down the rocky road to destruction. The movements of this psalm are clean: A description of the blessed/happy person by way of contrast, followed by a description of the "way of the wicked," with the entire "moral of the story" summed up in verse six

## **1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20-CHRIST'S AND EACH CHRISTIAN'S RESURRECTION**

We're in the middle of an argument over the nature and impact that Christ's resurrection has on Christians. Apparently, a variant view had surfaced in the church at Corinth that placed Christ's resurrection as a non-replicable event. Christ may certainly have risen from the dead. But so what? What does that mean to us? In this passage, Paul argues that that Christ rose from death to new

life was not contested by this variant view, but that Christ's resurrection had no impact whatever on Christ-believers. Paul meets this variant view with his own fiat of faith based on his earlier list of witnesses: "But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead" (v. 20, NLT).

## **LUKE 6:17-26 - MAKARIOS AND OH MY**

Matthew's we know. But Luke's? In this lesson, the traditional blessings (Blessed are the . . . for they shall be . . . ) so characteristic of Matthew's version, are in Luke juxtaposed with a series of "Oh me's and oh my's" (the "woes"). For preaching purposes, the teaching falls into three stages-the makarios, the disciple who is blessed; the warnings to the rich and self-promoting; and the "response to the word" section (27-30). The basic theme of contrast between the blessed/happy ones and the unwise, unblessed ones is shared between Luke 6, Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17-a rare agreement of the biblical planets for this week in epiphany

### **In The Parish**

**Office hours** this week are Wednesday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am till 12noon and Thursday 12noon till 3pm. Please note change for the up coming week. Thank you.

- **Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2019** There will be Morning Prayer at 9:30 am.
- **Senior Supper** is no longer called "Single Senior Supper" it will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Everyone welcome! Please bring a friend, as it is better to eat with company than to eat alone.

- **Mark your calendars for the following important dates.**  
The ACW always appreciates your help.
- **Tues Feb 19** – ACW meeting at 7 pm (NOTE: change of date and no meeting in March).
- **Sat April 27** – Spring Tea with crafts, plants and baking for sale (prep work, Fri April 26).
- **Sat May 25** – Spring Garage Sale (prep work, Fri May 24).
- **MESSY CHURCH** is looking for volunteers to be a part of a cleanup crew for MESSY CHURCH evenings. We are hoping to have 3 groups of 3 people so that each "team" would only work 3 of the 9 evenings. We would ask that you begin clean up at 6:45 and responsibilities would include loading the dishwasher, putting dishes away, making sure the kitchen is left clean, and washing the floors in the kitchen and main hall area. Thank you for your consideration. Please speak to Hazel, Lindy or Joyce if you are able to help out. THANKS!
- **Bourque Family** A musical evening of love and support for the Bourque Family Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Stonewall Curling Club (upstairs). Doors open at 7 concert starts at 8pm. Contact RaeAnn Learmond 230-6181 for ticket information.
- **MESSY CHURCH** is [February 27](#). Theme is BE KIND (When you do it unto the least of these...). With this in mind, we are asking you to bring a tin for the bin. EVERYONE is welcome.
- **World Day of Prayer 2019** will be hosted by and held at the Roman Catholic Church on Friday March 1 at 2 pm. Members of our parish will take part as readers. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will be held downstairs after the service. Help will be provided for those who find the stairs difficult.

- ACW will be holding a **Pancake Supper** on Shrove Tuesday, March 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 in the parish hall. Cost of the supper is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hall, so please sign your name wherever you can help out.

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer Week February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

### National and Local Leadership

- our Primate, **Fred Hiltz**
- our Diocesan Bishop, **Geoffrey Woodcroft**  
National Indigenous Bishop, **Mark MacDonald**
- our Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, **Greg Kerr-Wilson**
- the Council of the North
- the Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Central Buganda, **Michael Lubowa**

### **Anglican Communion worldwide,**

The Anglican Church of the Province of Central Africa,  
The Most Rev. **Albert Chama**, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

**Anglican Church of Canada** Bishop **Geoff Peddle**, the people, and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod.

### **Diocese of Rupert's Land**

- our congregations and communities
  - the Kanziira Parish in the Diocese of Central Buganda, under the care of Rev. **Baraka Babitaza**.
  - The PWRDF Gathering on February 23

*Next Week – February 24<sup>th</sup> 2019*  
**BCP Holy Eucharist**

**Lay Reader:** Bev Robinson

**Readings:**

Genesis 45:3-11

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

**What is the Fellowship of the Least Coin?**

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is an international ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation that started in 1956.

Shanti Solomon of India was not allowed to go into Korea along with a group of Christian women on a mission of reconciliation. She longed for a way to make all women feel part of a worldwide family of faith. She then came up with the idea of the “Fellowship of the Least Coin.”

Just as the “least coins” yields money to respond to human need around the world so do the prayers create a strong force in the global struggle for peace, justice and reconciliation.

The “FLC” is a prayer movement, not a fund raising effort. The Least Coins are merely tokens of our prayers.

We have a jar at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to join in this prayer movement and the A.C.W. will continue their monthly prayer, and collection of coins---now being the nickel. For further information please see Jean Rootsart or Linda-Faye Chapman.

***You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them.***