

14th Sunday after Pentecost lead by Father Gordon Hamilton from the Book of Alternative Services at 10:00am, Sunday, August 25, 2024

Opening Hymn:

#184 - My Song Is Love Unknown

Collect: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from the First Book of Kings: Chapter 8: Verses 1, 6,10-11, 22-30 & 41-43

[Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in

heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built." Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 84



Hap-py are the peo-ple whose strength is in you!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. **R**

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. **R**

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed. For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity. O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you! **R**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians: Chapter 6: Verses 10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn:

#374 - Allelulia ! Sing to Jesus

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Offertory Hymn:

#525 -The Church's One Foundation

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn During Communion: #401 - My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Prayer after Communion: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: #435 - Take My Life, and Let It Be

Notices

Holy Communion Gluten-Free Wafers now available: Gluten-free wafers are available for those who require them. Please speak with the Priest before the Service.

Holy Eucharist: There will be a Eucharist on Wednesday, August 28th at 5:30pm

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: We will have another outdoor stations of the cross on September 14th, which is Holy Cross Day. It will be at 10:30am at the lighthouse. Julie Chandler 902-774-3340

A Call for Bellringers: The bells of Holy Trinity Parish have been ringing out over Yarmouth for over 100 years. We will play them (a Thursday August 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm) their place in the community. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the church office at 902-742-5054 or email at yarmouthtusketoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

Nursing Home Church Services: It is always nice for the nursing home residents to have others join with us in worship. **Everyone is invited to attend** - Julie Chandler

September Nursing Home Schedule:

- Villa St Joseph - Tuesday the 3rd, 10:30am
- Yarmouth Heights - Friday, 6th at 10:30am
- The Meadows - Monday, 9th at 3:00pm
- Vet's Place - Friday, 27th at 10:30am

Donations:

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR): A diocesan direct debit program of automatic monthly bank withdrawals. To apply, go to <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/resources/pages/par-program>.

Electronic Transfer: We accept e-transfers directly into the Parish bank account at BMO.

Please use the office e-mail yarmouthtusketoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

Food Bank: You can make donations to the Food Bank in the cart at the back of the Church. We deliver each week. Donations by cheque will be passed along directly to them.

Bottle Exchange: If you have bottles to return to Paper Chase Bottle Exchange at 10 Hardscratch Road, you can support the Church by donating the proceeds: tell them that it is for The Parish of Yarmouth and Tusket.

Spiritual Friendship Study Group: We gather again in the fall to explore how God lives in & through us as we consider the teachings & their application to everyday life. In community, we intentionally consider our lives as Christians through study, meditative prayer and dialogue.

Update on Fundraising:

Yard Sales and Bake Sales on May 25th & June 29th raised \$2,375.

Litter Clean on June 8th in Tusket around St. Stephen's Church earned \$400.

Seafest Tea, Church Tour, & Bell Concerts (July 18th & 25th) raised \$1,170.

Fundraising Activities: August - December 2024 (Dates May Change)

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| 1. Yard Sale Hall Basement + | Saturday August 25th***** |
| 2. Yard Sale Hall Basement + | Saturday September 14th |
| 3. Friends of Jane's Toonie Sale | Saturday September 21st |
| 4. Fundraising Supper | October: More info to follow |
| 5. Yard Sale Hall Basement | Saturday October 26th |
| 6. Angel Fest & Christmas Bake Sale | Saturday November 30th |

We have Kitchen and Hall Rentals over the next several months, including Pop-up Restaurants, Cooking Classes and a Friends of Jane's Toonie Sale (April 5th, 2025). We have Church Rentals for concerts (March, 2025) and other celebrations.