

15th Sunday after Pentecost lead by Father Doug Chard from the Book of Common Prayer at 10:00am, Sunday, September 1, 2024

Opening Prayer:

#393 - Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Collect: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Song of Solomon: Chapter 2: Verses 8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 45



My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer. You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever. **R**

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows. **R**

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir. **R**

A Reading from the Letter of James: Chapter 1: Verses 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn:

#439 - Blest are the Pure in Heart

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there

is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ**

Offertory Hymn: #177 - A Spendthrift Lover Is the Lord

Prayer over the Gifts: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn During Communion: #350 - Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: #450 - You Call Us, Lord to 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, September 4th 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 (**Thursday, September 26th 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 yarmouthtusketooffice@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.

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, Sept. 3rd, 10:30am
- Yarmouth Heights - Friday, Sept. 6th at 10:30am
- The Meadows - Monday, Sept. 9th at 3:00pm
- Vet's Place - Friday, Sept. 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 yarmouthtusketooffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

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 in May, June & August raised \$3,220.

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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| 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.