

18th Sunday after Pentecost lead by Reverend Dr. Phillip Cooper from the Book of Alternative Services at 10:00am, Sunday, September 22, 2024

Opening Hymn:

#439 - Blest are the Pure in Heart

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs: Chapter 31: Verses 10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates. Hear what the Spirit is Saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1



Hap - py are they who trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

A Reading from the Letter of James: Chapter 3: Verse 13 to Chapter 4: Verses 3 & 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Hear what the Spirit is Saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn:

#61 - As we Gather at your Table

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

Offertory Hymn:

#504 - Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Prayer over the Gifts: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn During Communion:

#508 - I Heard a Voice of Jesus say

Prayer after Communion: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn:

#500 - Sister, Let me be Your Servant

Bishop Sandra Effe has asked us to identify an appropriate date between October and March for her to visit the Parish and share some time with her. Parish Council will discuss alternatives at the next Council Meeting in October. Parishioner input on possible dates is welcome.

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 Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, September 25th at 5:30pm.

2025 Church Calendars: Calendars can be picked up at church. We would like to thank you for supporting us by purchasing a church calendar this year. Also Thank you for your extra donations that will go towards Altar Guild Supplies for our Church. The Altar Guild

Spiritual Friendship Study Group: The spiritual friendship group will meet on Wednesday, September 25th, at 7pm at my summer home, #1004, Route 304, Overton (the road out to the lighthouse, just before the Fish Point sign.) Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, let me know. Julie Chandler 902-774-3340 jamesdauntchandler@gmail.com

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). 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, 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 yarmouthtusketoffice@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.

Blessing of the Animals Service: Please hold Saturday, October 5 in your Calendar and let others in the Community know of a Service outside the Church. Details to Follow.

Fall Planning our Future Sessions: Father Gordon is Organizing Group Sessions to Facilitate Discussion on the Topic "Making the Shift" for our Parish. Each group will have 6-10 members. He is asking us to let him know when our best times are this fall (the sessions will be 1 hour long over 10 weeks).

Update on Fundraising:

Yard Sales and Bake Sales this year to September 14th (\$4,716)

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

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

Grant to Support Distribution of Furniture & Household Goods to those in need (\$2,500)

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

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| 1. Friends of Jane's Toonie Sale | Saturday September 21st |
| 2. Fundraising Supper | October: More info to follow |
| 3. Yard Sale Hall Basement | Saturday October 26th |
| 4. 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 Sales (+April 5th, 2025). We have Church Rentals for concerts (March, 2025) and other celebrations.