

From the Rector

Come Lammas-eve at night shall she be fourteen.

Romeo and Juliet, 1.3.19

Since at least the ninth century, the first day of August has been known as Lammas Day. Its name comes from the Anglo-Saxon *hlaf-mas*, or 'loaf mass,' a reference to an early festival of the wheat harvest. On this day it was the custom to bring to the Church a loaf of bread made from the first of the new crop, in thanksgiving for the new harvest, such as we in Canada, with a different growing season, do in October at Harvest Thanksgiving. In images that connect nicely to this week's Gospel reading of Christ feeding the 4000, the loaf would be blessed and, according to some customs, might be broken into four pieces, which were then to be placed at the four corners of the barn to ensure God's protection of the garnered grain. In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, where Lammas Day is mentioned frequently, it is called the 'feast of first-fruits,' drawing strongly on the Old Testament practice of setting aside the first of the harvest as a thank-offering to God, much as the first-born in Hebrew custom was understood to belong to God following the saving of the first-born sons at the time of the Passover.

In a culture in which most are able to purchase food at any time, day or night, at a grocery store, the importance of offering the first fruits may at first seem obscure. But if we can imagine a context where people waited anxiously for the new harvest to come in, where supplies of the previous year's harvest might be running very thin, with hunger knocking at the door, where a successful harvest might easily be the difference between life and death (as it still is in many places around the world today), stopping at the very beginning of the harvest, before all the rest had been brought in, to give thanks to the God whose grace made its abundance possible was both an act of celebration and an act of faith. Not waiting until the counting up at the end before offering a portion to the Lord, but giving generously and thankfully at the very start, required faith to trust that the end would be sufficient.

That same principle lies at the heart of true Christian stewardship: not waiting to see what we have left in our wallets, and in our hearts, at the end of the week, after we've done all that we wanted and needed to do, but setting aside an amount at the very beginning of each day and week is the way that we offer the first fruits of our lives to the God who blesses every part of life. That goes for our treasure, but it also goes for our talents and our time. What are the first-fruits that you might offer generously and thankfully to Christ and his Church?

Parish Notices and Updates

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will run from **Monday, August 8th to Friday, August 12th** here at St. Mary's. The schedule will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day, with instruction, games & music. Please feel free to share the news with anyone and everyone who might have children who would like to participate. And we'll be looking for some volunteers from the parish to help with the organisation, as well as preparing the snacks and meals. Please speak to the Rector or Curate for more details.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for August 22nd to 26th at Camp Medley and application forms are now available in the Narthex or at <https://www.smyc.ca/>. This excellent programme for young people ages 13 to 19, combines solid Christian Education, worship, recreation, and fellowship. Please speak to the Curate if you know of someone who would benefit from this amazing programme.

THE 6TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT to *Strike out Child Hunger*, organised by our partners in Shared Ministry at All Saints' Church in Marysville, is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15th**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. We're currently looking for volunteers to bowl as part of our team from St. Mary's. A Sign-Up Sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please help make this important project as successful as possible as we work to help feed the young people of our community.

THE PARISH HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED a very generous donation of **KN95 masks and COVID-19 Rapid Tests** which we wish to share with anyone who might need some. The masks are individually wrapped and can be distributed in any number; the tests (identical to those provided by Public Health) are packaged in boxes of five. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate if you would like some.

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

AUGUST 3: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

AUGUST 4: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

AUGUST 5: OSWALD, King and Martyr

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

AUGUST 6: THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

AUGUST 7: THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer



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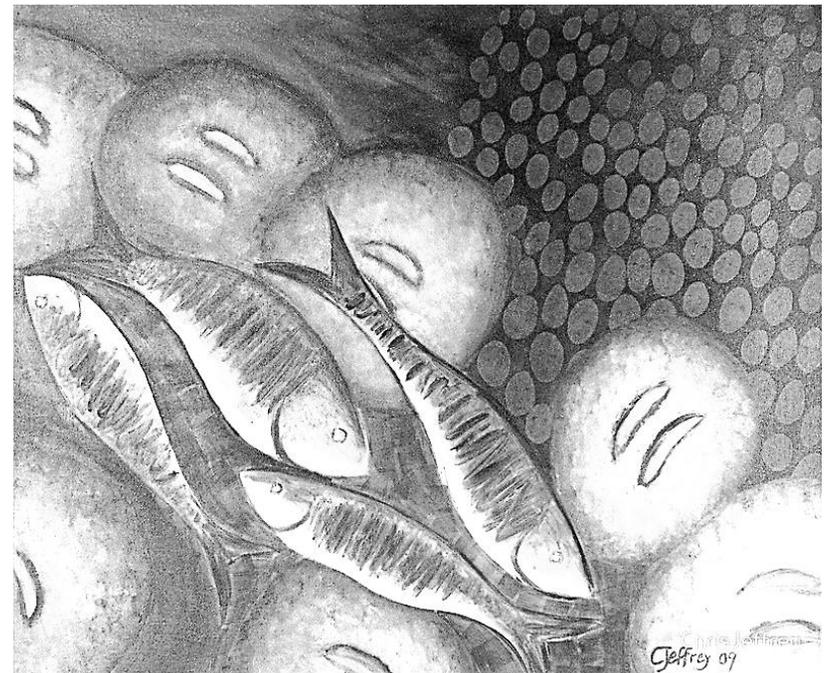
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He was the Word that spake it;
He took the bread and brake it;
And what that Word did make it
I do believe, and take it.

Often credited to Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603) but more likely the work of the Revd. John Donne, Dean of St. Paul's, London (1573-1631)

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
after
TRINITY

July 30, 2022

*So they ate and were filled! O
Come, let us worship!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 144 & 146 | 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5 | St. Luke 7:36-end

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 47:1-4:	<i>page 389</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 228</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 47:5-10:	<i>page 389</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 228</i>
Gradual 34:11-15:	<i>page 370</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 229</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
after
TRINITY

July 31, 2022

*So they ate and were filled! O
Come, let us worship!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 37 part 1 | 1 Kings 21:1-23 (24-end) | Acts 21:15-36

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♫ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	360 (HANOVER)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 228</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 47:1-4:	<i>page 389</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 228</i>
Gradual 34:11-15:	<i>page 370</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 229</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	240 (SCHMUCKE DICH)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	429 (MARTYRDOM)