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A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

September 17, 2023

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Special welcome to those visiting with us!

Please make yourself known to the greeters.

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In Nova Scotia:

St. John's, Wolfville (Horton)

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

Archbishop Anne Germond and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh:

Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

September 24 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Jim D, Darlene L;
Martyn C, Barb C; David & Grace H

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' HC

11 am – St. Mark's HC

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

*2 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

***SPECIAL SERVICE – with Bishop Sandra Fyfe.**

This Service will include: the Celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. Elizabeth's Church, the Consecration of the new cemetery land, and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. The Bishop will also be preaching and socializing with us following the service.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

***NOTE:** Morning Services will be held as usual.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

~ **St. Mark's Church Council** – Monday, September 18 – 7 pm

~ **St. Thomas' Church Council** – Tuesday, September 19 – 7 pm

~ **St. Stephen's Church Council** ~~Thursday, September 21 – 7 pm~~**

**Changed to Wednesday, September 27 – 7 pm

For everyone elected or acclaimed into roles, please note:

We appreciate your attendance at Parish Council, and/or Church Council meetings, both because we do need a set number to have Quorum, and as importantly, your input and ideas are critical (regardless of whether you would technically have a vote on a particular issue).

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

The next meeting of **Parish Council** was scheduled for October 10, but it has been changed to **Monday, October 16**, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church.

Bible Study is being held every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., in person at the Rectory and online. All are welcome to attend!

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of

GEORGE S. DOUCETTE

April 3, 1934 – September 18, 2012

*There's an open gate
at the end of the road,
through each must go alone,
and there, in a light we cannot see,
our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate, our loved one
finds happiness and rest,
and there is comfort in the thought,
the loving God knows best.*

Lovingly remembered by
Dianne and children
Michael, John, Debbie, David, and Carol
and families

Clinton View Lodge worship service will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at 2:15 p.m. Please consider joining as you are able!

Sunday School will be resuming at St. Stephen's in September. Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information.

Confirmation Classes will be offered in September. Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information.

Kensington & Area Christian Council meets on Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm at Princetown United Church in Malpeque.

COLLECT (p 380)

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 380)

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 381)

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A READING FROM EXODUS 14:19-31

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

A READING FROM ROMANS 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. One person considers one day more sacred than

another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."