

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 9, 2017

*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
O come let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 18 part 1 | Joshua 5:13-6:20 | St. Mark 4:21-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 27:1-7:	page 360
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 223
The Old Testament Reading:	Joshua, 24.2a, 13-15
Psalm 18:1-3:	page 347
The Epistle:	page 223
Gradual Psalm: 9:7-10:	page 339
The Holy Gospel:	page 224
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
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9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪♪ Processional Hymn:	350 (Old Hundredth)
The Gloria:	page 86
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♪♪ Gradual Hymn:	401 (St. Denio)
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♪♪ Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia
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♪♪ Offertory Hymn:	604 (Crusaders' Hymn)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ Hymn during Communion:	238 (St. Flavian)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪♪ Recessional Hymn:	571 (All for Jesus)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*

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The Flowers on the Altar are given to the
Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Les Boulter
by Bettie-Ann and Family

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and
let light perpetual shine upon him.*

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From the Rector

This past Thursday, which was July 6th, was the day on our calendar that the church remembers Thomas More, who may be best known as the author of *Utopia*, a satirical novel about the political system of a fictional island nation and its religious and social customs, but was an active political and religious figure in 16th Century England.

One of the foremost scholars and thinkers of his time, and a man with academic connections throughout Europe, More is remembered on the Church calendar not for *Utopia* or for his political career but for the principled way in which his career, and his life, ended. He was caught up in the political and religious intrigue that surrounded Henry VIII and his efforts to gain a divorce from his first wife Catherine in order to marry Anne Boleyn. When, in that process, Henry claimed supremacy over the Church in England, usurping the authority of the Pope, a division arose between the King and More, who was then serving as Chancellor of England. More asked to be relieved of his duties, which the King granted.

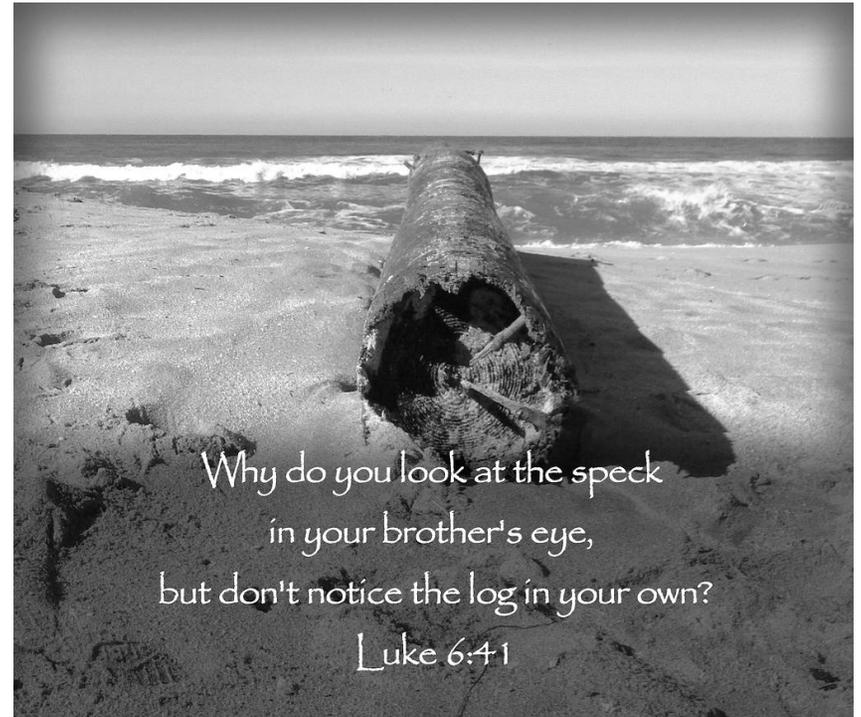
That might have been the end of the story, but the intensely charged political climate, and Henry's equally intense need for loyalty and control, meant that the division would need to be resolved in one way or another. More was careful not to make any overt actions or statements against the King's second marriage, but he also refused to take any oath accepting the King as "Supreme Head." He expressed his good wishes for the King and the new Queen, but he also resolved to say nothing on the question of supremacy on the legal principle *qui tacet consentire videtur*; literally, who is silent is seen to consent – or as we like to say, 'silence means consent.'

In the end his principled silence did not save him. Henry needed complete obedience and a charge of treason was laid against More. The outcome of the trial was a foregone conclusion: based on the evidence of a witness who lied, More was found guilty and executed on July 6, 1535. It is reported that he said, while on the scaffold, that he died "the King's good servant, and God's first."

In some ways More seems on an odd addition to an Anglican Church calendar. He is remembered as a martyr who stood in firm opposition to the division of ecclesiastical authority that led to the independence of the Church of England and, later, the Anglican Communion, from the authority of the Pope; and he opposed many of the theological reforms that have shaped Anglican worship and teaching for more than 400 years.

But putting denominational loyalties aside, it's important to recognise More's willingness to face judicial and political tyranny in a time of great violence knowing full well the consequences that he would face. We all will face moments when the easy way will be to just agree with those around us, even when we know that Christ calls us to something better. To take a principled stand may be costly, not likely in terms of our lives but sometimes our friendships and associations; but, in the end, what will we be left with if we surrender our relationship with God to our relationship with this world?

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If we see a speck in a brother's eye, we must first see if there is a log in our own eye; perhaps that speck in our brother's eye is only a reflection of the beam in our own.

David Watson

Priest and Rector

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Parish Notices and Updates

OUR DIOCESAN CHOIR SCHOOL will celebrate sixty years of promoting Church musicianship this afternoon with Choral Evensong at 3:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton. They invite everyone to this festive anniversary.

A NEW EDITION OF OUR PARISH READERS' SCHEDULE is due to be released very soon. If you're looking for a new way to be involved in the ministry that we carry out here at St. Mary's you might want to think about joining our list of Saturday evening or Sunday morning Scripture Readers. Please speak to the Rector if you believe that God may be calling you to this important ministry.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for August 21st to 26th at Camp Wildwood near Bouctouche, and application forms are now available. This is an excellent programme for young people between ages of 13 and 19, combining solid and helpful Christian Education, worship, recreation and fellowship. If you know of someone who would benefit from this amazing programme, please to Janice Stockall or the Rector.

HOSPITAL VISITING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PARISH MINISTRY because spiritual health is a necessary part of our physical health; and the Rector is always willing to visit those in hospital at any time, day or night. **Recent changes in the way in which religious affiliation is recorded when people enter the hospital system means that the Rector is significantly less likely to know when members of the Parish have been admitted.** Please let him know if you or another member of the Parish (*with their consent*) is in hospital, *including, if possible, the room number*, so that the Church can minister to our whole Parish Family. *And, unless you wish not be visited while in hospital*, be sure to indicate on admission that you wish a pastoral visit. Otherwise your presence in the hospital might not be indicated on the records available in the Spiritual and Religious Care office.

IN RESPONSE TO SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARISH who have indicated the challenges they face in hearing the homily because of hearing loss, we're now producing a few printed copies each Sunday. If you would like to have a copy you're welcome to pick one up from the small table at the main entrance to the church. Please speak to the Rector if you're not able to locate a copy.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY to share your love for Christ and His Church? *St. Mary's Altar Guild* faithfully prepares the Church for our weekly celebrations and invite all the members of our Parish Family to consider whether or not they're called to share in this joyful work. Please speak to the Rector if you are interested or if you have any questions.

HAVE TO BE AT WORK ON SUNDAY MORNING? Have another engagement that will prevent you from attending? Not sure about the weather? *Don't forget that we have a weekly Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m.* Please speak to the Rector if you have any questions; and plan to join us any Saturday evening if this time is more suitable for your schedule.

IF YOU'VE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO COMPLETE the personal information form that the Parish is using to update our records please pick up a copy in the Narthex and return it to the Rector or Thomas Geburt, our Parish Safe Church Officer as soon as possible. The form seeks to gather a lot of information, but you are only being asked to provide as much (or as little) as you wish. There are, however, two sections that are essential to us: the personal contact section at the top of the first page and the permission section at the bottom of that page. Please note that your forms will be kept securely; and the information will never be shared in any way which violates your expressed wishes. Please speak to me or Thomas if you have any questions.



PRAYER FOR PARISH DISCERNMENT:

Almighty God,

watchful and caring, our source and our end,
all that we are and all that we have are yours.

Accept us now,

as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come
to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness,
to know your healing power, to hear your word,
and to be nourished by the body and blood of
your Son.

Be present always to guide and to judge,

to illumine and to bless your people.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JULY 12: TRINITY FERIA

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 15: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 16: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist