

# St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

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le monde est bienvenu.

A VERY WARM WELCOME  
TO OUR SERVICE THIS  
MORNING



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Chaplain (Locum)

Warden

Music Director & Lay-Chair

Secretary

Congregational Worship Leader

Canon Douglas **Ousley**

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Shirley **Rowson**

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# COMMUNION SERVICE

## NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

**OPENING HYMN # 334 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

## WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

## CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

## COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

(24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67)

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son." 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the



evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

### Rebekah and the servant of Abraham

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

(5:1-8)

**I** do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL HYMN # 507 Meekness and Majesty, Manhood and Deity

*Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you*

**All: And also with you**

*Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

(11:16-19,25-30)

**'B**ut to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one

knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

*Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord*  
**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON** "Heavenly Rest"

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN # 413 Just as I am, without one plea**

**The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **FINAL BLESSING**

## **FINAL HYMN # 10 All creatures of our God and King** (Omit Vv 5&6)

## **SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE**

**The service is followed by coffee**

## **NOTICES**

1. Today, we are delighted to welcome Canon Douglas OUSLEY, who is our Locum until 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and we look forward very much to his ministry with us.
2. We have included a new note at the foot of the Pew Sheet asking everyone either to take their copies home with them or dispose of them in the bin at the entry of the church. This will be a great help to those tidying the church after the service. Please also remember to return your hymn book and service booklet to its place under the chair. Thank you.
3. The funeral service for Shirley PERRENOUD will be held in church at 2.30 pm next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. All are welcome to attend to say goodbye to our friend

**Service for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July : (Sixth Sunday after Trinity )**  
**Communion with Canon Douglas OUSLEY**  
**Genesis 25:19-34 ; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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