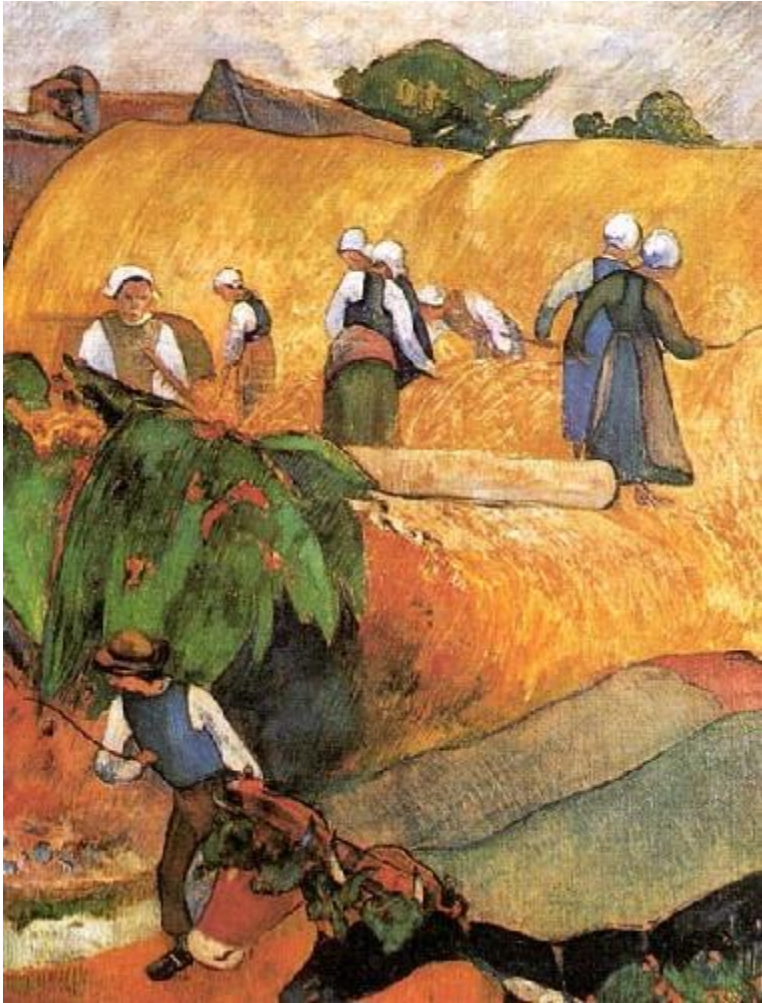


# Welcome to St Thomas' Church NDG



Harvest Scene - Paul Gauguin

Sunday, October 8, 2017  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**

## 8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION BCP

Collect: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

see insert

Psalm 80:7-16

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts; / show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

8 THOU broughtest a vine out of Egypt; / thou didst drive out the nations, and plant it in.

9 Thou madest room for it; / and when it had taken root it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, / and the mighty cedars with the boughs thereof.

11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, / and her boughs unto the River.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her fences, / so that all they that go by pluck her grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, / and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14 Turn us again, O God of hosts; / show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

15 LOOK down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine, and the stock that thy right hand hath planted, / and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

16 It is burnt with fire and cut down; / they  
perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

Epistle      Philippians 3:4b-14

see insert

Gospel      Matthew 21:33-46

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## 10:00 a.m. SUNG MATINS

Prelude

Processional Hymn      **258**

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Venite

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Psalm 80:7-15

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be  
saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

First Lesson        Isaiah 5:1-7                                see insert

Second Lesson     Philippians 3:4b-14                                see insert

Hymn                                **259**

Third Lesson        Matthew 21:33-46                                see insert

Benedictus Te Deum **Hymn 332**                                Thee We Adore

Creed, Versicles and Responses, Collects                                p. 10 BCP

Anthem Now Thank We all Our God        Chris Grocholski

Sermon    The Reverend Karla Holmes

Offertory Hymn    **262**

*Let us now gather with glad hearts  
and thanksgiving our offerings.*

Doxology **666**

Praise God from who all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Prayers and Intercessions

Choral Grace **481**

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
and the Father's boundless love  
with the Holy Spirit's favor,  
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion,  
joy which earth cannot afford.

Presentation from FAST

Announcements

Final Hymn        **263**

## **Announcements**

Welcome to St Thomas'. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy Fair Trade coffee from Dix Mille Villages and conversation after the 10am service in the church hall.

**Thank you** for your harvest donations decorating the church for our Harvest Thanksgiving service today. Thanks to all who helped decorate! The food will be given to the visitors of the St Thomas' Food Pantry.

**TODAY at FASt:** we are reflecting on and expressing **Gratitude! What are YOU grateful for? Thanks be to GOD** Happy Thanksgiving from Lee-Ann, Kuki and the FASt crew.

**Rev'd Karla** will be away from Oct. 12 until Oct. 19. Our new Vicar-general, Robert Camara, will be taking the Sunday services on Oct. 15. Let's give him a good St Thomas' welcome!

**Sat Oct 14 The Clothesline** will be open from 11am - 3pm.

**Sun Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** There will be a meeting for all those interested in helping out at the Fall Fair after the 10am service.

**Sat Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm St Thomas' Octoberfest Dinner!**

Tickets are available, please see Ruth Oake. No tickets will be sold at the door. On the menu: Sausages, sauerkraut, mashed or roast potatoes, carrot salad and apple crisp. Tickets: \$15, \$8 for children 10 years and under. Donations for the supper will be gratefully received, please speak to Ruth Oake, 514-419-4314.

**Tues Oct 24, 7:30pm** The Advisory Board meets in the rectory.

**Sat Oct 28** 12:30 – 4:30pm, in the St Thomas' Church Hall: The **Young Parents Program** of Head and Hands presents a **Halloween Carnival**, an afternoon of family fun! Kids \$10 – 10 game tickets, Adults \$5 – 5 game tickets plus 1 free game ticket if you show up in costume! This is a fundraiser to raise money for the Young Parents Program summer camp.

**Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup>: St Thomas' Fall Fair**

**2018 Canadian Church Calendars** - We are sold out of calendars. If you would like to order one, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church, so we have an idea of how many to order. Thank you.



We recently hired a pest control company to humanely remove our resident skunks. We are hoping this will permanently resolve our odour problem.

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**SERVICES, YOUTH GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDY:**

**SUNDAY**

8am Holy Eucharist BCP

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: 10am Holy Eucharist BAS

2nd and 4th Sundays: 10am Choral Matins

FASt youth group meets during the 10am services in the hall

**WEDNESDAYS:** 10am Holy Eucharist, ramp door entrance

**BIBLE STUDY** – All Welcome! Wednesday evenings in the rectory at 7:30pm with Norm Starkey

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Rev'd Karla Holmes:** Tues 9am-12pm, Weds 9am – 10am, Thurs 9am-12pm, Fridays by appointment

**Administrative Assistant** Jennifer Gibb:

Tues, Thurs & Fri, 8am-11am



## READINGS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2017

### LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

## **EPISTLE**

## **Philippians 3:4b-14**

<sup>4</sup>even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;<sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing

of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 21:33-46**

33 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup>They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

42 Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.