



SEASON OF CREATION

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

THE FEASTS OF RICHARD ROLLE, 1349;

WALTER HILTON, 1396; & MARGERY KEMPE, C.1440



Richard Rolle



Walter Hilton



Margery Keme

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

Wednesday, 9 Nov 2022 9:30am

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

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Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People : And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
Known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
May perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria:

Hymnal 1982 S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

Direct our hearts, O Gracious God, and inspire our minds; that like your servants Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, we might pass through the cloud of unknowing until we behold your glory face to face; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

The First Lesson - A Reading from Romans 11:33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.**
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark 4:35-41

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Nicene Creed *(Traditional)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors, and for those for whom you have given us a special care:

- * For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache people, that we may honor each other and work together for our common good.
- * In the diocesan cycle of prayer for *St. John's, Bisbee*
- * In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Diocese of Central Newfoundland – The Anglican Church of Canada.*
- * And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(a short pause)

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.

(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)

Doxology

(Hymn #380 v. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creature here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The priest, faces them and sings or says : The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant *It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Come to the rail and extend your hand to receive the bread, wait for the chalice to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, then consume it. If you prefer not to have the wine, you may eat the bread when you receive it. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Deacon: *People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?*

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.*
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Please, join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.

Richard Rolle (c. 1300 – 30 September 1349)^{[1][2]} was an English hermit, mystic, and religious writer.^[3] He is also known as **Richard Rolle of Hampole** or **de Hampole**, since at the end of his life he lived near a [Cistercian nunnery](#) in [Hampole](#), now in [South Yorkshire](#).^{[4][5]} In the words of [Nicholas Watson](#), scholarly research has shown that "[d]uring the fifteenth century he was one of the most widely read of English writers, whose works survive in nearly four hundred English ... and at least seventy Continental manuscripts, almost all written between 1390 and 1500."^[6]

Life

In his works, Rolle provides little explicit evidence about his early life and education. Most, if not all, of our information about him comes from the Office of Lessons and Antiphons that was composed in the 1380s in preparation for his canonisation, although this never came about.^{[7][8]}

Born into a small farming family^[9] and brought up at [Thornton-le-Dale](#)^[10] near [Pickering](#), he studied at the [University of Oxford](#) where he was sponsored by Thomas de Neville, the [Archdeacon of Durham](#).^[11] While there, he is said to have been more inter-

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Walter Hilton [Can.Reg.](#) (c. 1340/1345 – 24 March 1396)^[1] was an English [Augustinian mystic](#), whose works gained influence in 15th-century England and Wales. He has been [canonized](#) by the [Church of England](#) and by the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Life

Walter Hilton was born about 1340–1345. Writing centuries later, an early 16th-century [Carthusian](#), James Grenehalgh of Lancashire, referred to Hilton as a mystic coming "from the same region".^[2]

There is presumptive evidence that Hilton attended the [University of Cambridge](#), some time between about 1360 and 1382.^[2] Walter de Hilton, Bachelor of Civil Law, clerk of Lincoln Diocese, was granted the reservation of a canonry and prebend of [Abergwili](#), Carmarthen, in January 1371.

^[2] In January 1371 Hilton was a bachelor of law attached to the diocesan court of Ely.^[2] Some manuscripts describe Hilton as a *commensor* or *inceptor decretorum*, i.e. one who had completed the studies and examinations for a mastership of canon law, but had not undertaken the regency that would give him the title.

In the early 1380s, Hilton turned away from the world and became a solitary, as he

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Margery Kempe (c. 1373 – after 1438) was an English [Christian mystic](#), known for writing through dictation *[The Book of Margery Kempe](#)*, a work considered by some to be the first [autobiography](#) in the English language. Her book chronicles Kempe's domestic tribulations, her extensive [pilgrimages](#) to holy sites in Europe and the [Holy Land](#), as well as her mystical conversations with God. She is honoured in the [Anglican Communion](#), but has not been canonised as a [Catholic saint](#).

Early life and family

She was born Margery Burnham or Brunham around 1373 in [Bishop's Lynn \(now King's Lynn\)](#), [Norfolk](#), England. Her father, [John Brunham](#), was a merchant in Lynn, mayor of the town and Member of Parliament. The first record of her Brunham family is a mention of her grandfather, Ralph de Brunham, in 1320 in the *Red Register* of Lynn. By 1340 he had joined the Parliament of Lynn.^[1] Kempe's kinsman [Robert Brunham](#), possibly her brother, became a Member of Parliament for [Lynn](#) in 1402 and 1417.^[2]

Life

No records remain of any formal education that Kempe may have received. As an

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