

Morning Prayer – Monday, July 20, 2020 - St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay

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Opening

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.

Prayer

Grant us, O God, not to be anxious about earthly things but to love things heavenly and, even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Meditation

Whenever I am weak, then I am strong. St. Paul (2 Corinthians 12:10b)

Where might we see strength manifested in weakness?

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 1:17-19 (Contemporary English Version – CEV)

Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to tell the good news without using big words that would make the cross of Christ lose its power. The message about the cross doesn't make any sense to some. But for those of us who are being saved, it is God's power at work. As God says in the Scriptures:

"I will destroy the wisdom
of all who claim
to be wise.
I will confuse those
who think they know
so much."

(Be still and aware)

Poem – "Shedding Skin" by Harreyette Mullen

Pulling out of the old scarred skin
(old rough thing I don't need now
I strip off
slip out of
leave behind)

I slough off deadscales
flick skinflakes to the ground

Shedding toughness
peeling layers down
to vulnerable stuff

And I'm blinking off old eyelids
for a new way of seeing

By the rock I rub against
I'm going to be tender again

Prayers

In our daily tasks,
God surrounds us.

In our successes and failures,
God surrounds us.

In our joys and sorrows,
God surrounds us.

With the healing of our world,
God surrounds us.

We pray for all who celebrate, or seek, or need God's love:

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As we continue our day, God surrounds us in hope.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

O Holy One, we keep still; we listen.
We hear you say, "I am your strength."
And we say to you, "You are our redeemer." Amen.

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