

Morning Prayer – Friday, July 10, 2020 - St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay

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Opening

I begin this day with joy: God is good.

Scripture

God saw everything that God had made, and, indeed, it was very good. Genesis 1:31

Meditation

How will I receive God's goodness today?

Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting, O God, that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you for ever in the next. Amen.

Praise

Peace before us, peace behind us, Peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, Let all around us be peace.

Scripture – Ruth 4:1-7 (Contemporary English Version – CEV)

In the meanwhile, Boaz had gone to the meeting place at the town gate and was sitting there when the other close relative came by. So Boaz invited him to come over and sit down, and he did. Then Boaz got ten of the town leaders and also asked them to sit down. After they had sat down, he said to the man: Naomi has come back from Moab and is selling the land that belonged to her husband Elimelech. I am telling you about this, since you are his closest relative and have the right to buy the property. If you want it, you can buy it now. These ten men and the others standing here can be witnesses. But if you don't want the property, let me know, because I am next in line.

The man replied, "I will buy it!"

"If you do buy it from Naomi," Boaz told him, "you must also marry Ruth. Then if you have a son by her, the property will stay in the family of Ruth's first husband."

The man answered, "If that's the case, I don't want to buy it! That would make problems with the property I already own. You may buy it yourself, because I cannot."

To make a sale legal in those days, one person would take off a sandal and give it to the other. So after the man had agreed to let Boaz buy the property, he took off one of his sandals and handed it to Boaz.

(Be still and aware)

Poem – “Prayers for the Protection and Opening of the Heart”

BY YA'AKOV HAKOHEN

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I

May the Name send its hidden radiance
to open the gates of deliverance
to His servants—and shine in their hearts,
which now are shut in silent darkness.

May the great King be moved
to act in perfection and righteousness—
to open the gates of wisdom for us
and waken the love of old, the love of ancient days.

ii

By the power of the hidden Name *I-am-that-I-am*,
and by the dew of Desire and Blessing, the dead will live again...

iii

I-am is the power of your Name in concealment,
and one who knows its mystery dwells in eternity's instant.

Over the world, it pours forth abundance and favor,
and on it all worlds hang, like grapes in a cluster.

Send the dew of blessing, the dew of grace;
renew my dispensation, and grant me length of days.

Bring light to my eyes with your teaching, and let not the husks
that surround your hosts obstruct me.
May Heaven and Adam's children judge me with mercy.

Sustain me with their strength and fortune—
but do not leave me in need of the gifts of men.

Prayers

As we begin our day,
Give us your peace.

As we pause this morning,
Give us your peace.

As we do the work you have given us to do,
Give us your peace.

For all places of need in this world,
Give us your peace.

In trusting you, O God, to care for your children,
Give us your peace.

As we seek wholeness,
Give us your peace.

As we reflect on your presence,
Let us be peace for others.

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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.

Prayer

Holy Creator, help me to embrace this day with open arms and to share your good gifts with gladness and generosity. Amen.

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Poem – Ya’akov Hakohen belonged to a circle of Jewish mystics that was active in mid-thirteenth-century Castile and Provence. Translation of this poem appeared in *Poetry* (March 2012).