

Morning Prayer – Thursday, June 18, 2020 St. George’s Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay  
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*The St. Helena Breviary, Order of St. Helena*

Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community by *Pádraig Ó Tuama*

**Opening Words (*as candle is lit*)**

O God, open our lips. And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)**

Come, let us sing to the Holy One;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving,  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are a great God;  
you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
And your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before God, our Maker,

For you are our God,  
And we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

*(Be still and aware)*

**Scripture - Numbers 12:1-16 (Contemporary English Version – CEV)**

Although Moses was the most humble person in all the world, Miriam and Aaron started complaining, “Moses had no right to marry that woman from Ethiopia! Who does he think he is? The LORD has spoken to us, not just to him.” The LORD heard their complaint and told Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to come to the entrance of the sacred tent. There the LORD appeared in a cloud and told Aaron and Miriam to come closer. Then after commanding them to listen carefully, he said:

“I, the LORD, speak to prophets  
in visions and dreams.  
But my servant Moses  
is the leader of my people.  
He sees me face to face,  
and everything I say to him  
is perfectly clear.

You have no right to criticize  
my servant Moses.”

The LORD became angry at Aaron and Miriam. And after the LORD left and the cloud disappeared from over the sacred tent, Miriam’s skin turned white with leprosy. When Aaron saw what had happened to her, he said to Moses, “Sir, please don’t punish us for doing such a foolish thing. Don’t let Miriam’s flesh rot away like a child born dead!”

Moses prayed, “LORD God, please heal her.”

But the LORD replied, “Miriam would be disgraced for seven days if her father had punished her by spitting in her face. So make her stay outside the camp for seven days, before coming back.” The people of Israel did not move their camp until Miriam returned seven days later. Then they left Hazereth and set up camp in the Paran Desert.

*(Be still and aware)*

Poem – “Dog In Bed” by Joyce Sidman

Nose tucked under tail,  
you are a warm, furred planet  
centered in my bed.  
All night I orbit, tangle-limbed,  
in the slim space  
allotted to me.

If I accidentally  
bump you from sleep,  
you shift, groan,  
drape your chin on my hip.

O, that languid, movie-star drape!  
I can never resist it.  
Digging my fingers into your fur,  
kneading,

I wonder:  
How do you dream?  
What do you adore?  
Why should your black silk ears  
feel like happiness?

This is how it is with love.  
Once invited,  
it steps in gently,  
circles twice,  
and takes up as much space  
as you will give it.

## *PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, THE WORLD, AND ONESELF*

### *Day 18 - Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community by Pádraig Ó Tuama*

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zaccheus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. (Luke 19:5-6)

God who made trees and bodies,  
God who made the ground and grand gestures,  
May we practice happy hospitality,  
because here,  
hostilities can be healed.  
Amen.

#### **Prayer for Courage**

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Courage comes from the heart  
and we are always welcomed by God,  
the Croí\* of all being.  
We bear witness to our faith,  
knowing that we are called to live lives of courage,  
love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary  
moments of each day.  
We bear witness, too, to our failures  
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.  
May we be courageous today.  
May we learn today.  
May we love today.  
Amen.

*\*The Irish word Croí (pronounced ‘Kree’) means ‘heart’.*

#### **Spiritual Exercises:**

- 1) Reflecting on today’s Scripture: what are your experiences of humility and hospitality?
- 2) Make a mask or some other artistic representation that represents a part of yourself you long to experience healing.

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