

Morning Prayer – Wednesday, November 25, 2020
St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay. www.stgeorgecadborobay.ca

Opening Words

O God of all Creation,
Whatever this day may bring, and wherever I must go
May I seek to follow you in all I say and do.

A moment of silence for reflection

James 3:3-17 (CEV)

Are any of you wise or sensible? Then show it by living right and by being humble and wise in everything you do. But if your heart is full of bitter jealousy and selfishness, don't brag or lie to cover up the truth. That kind of wisdom doesn't come from above. It is earthly and selfish and comes from the devil himself. Whenever people are jealous or selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things. But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere.

A moment of silence to reflect on the reading

Poem – “The Foolishness of God is Wiser Than Men” by Judson Mitcham

God's editors erased what they thought not right:
the lighter side of Christ, how Jesus laughed,
delighted, pierced with irony, surprised.

A child's first word could have done it;
or the feel of water firm beneath his feet;
or Pilate's simple question: “What is truth?”

I believe he caught his sandal on a root;
that he shook his head, chuckling at himself,
humbled, but renewed; that it was men

who could not quite handle what it meant: Christ,
blessed by a great joke, going to his knees,
saying “mercy,” saying “please.”

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, THE WORLD, AND ONESELF

Closing Prayer

In Your love is my
complete security,
close to Your heart

is my true home.

And, as a plant
soaks up the moisture
from well-watered ground,
reaching up
and knowing the smile
of the sun

so let Your tender mercies
come to me,
that I may deepen,
love and grow
strong in Your love.

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