

Recorded Service of the Word
The Anglican Parish of St. Mary of the Incarnation
Serving the Community of Metchosin BC since 1862
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2020

We ring the bells to give thanks to frontline workers during this time of Covid-19. Welcome to St. Mary of the Incarnation Anglican church in Metchosin. We give thanks for all who have participated to We gather to worship on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish People – The Scia’new, Beecher Bay people of the Douglas Treaty. We invite you to acknowledge the ancestral traditional lands from where you join us. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome.....

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit as we gather our hearts and minds from our homes and join as one as we prepare for worship.....

GATHERING

Hymn

Lo God is Here Let us Adore #328

Shirley Roodbol

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

Almighty God
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 44:6-8

Ed Watson

The Jewish people, locked-down for six decades in Babylon, a foreign land, are now looking towards their release and a return to their homeland. During their exile they have come under the influence of other religions with their variety of gods and worship practices. What this writer does is to remind the people who they are and the One they worship. The question that ends this short reading, "Is there any god besides me?" is clearly rhetorical. For the Jewish people "There is no other rock', no other rock on which to build ones faith. We listen to a reading from Isaiah chapter 44

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 86:11-17

Rachel Mitten

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your name for evermore.

For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

God of mercy fill us with the love of your name, and help us to proclaim you before the world,
that all peoples may celebrate your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:12-25

David and Max McArthur

Paul has summoned the members of the Christ-community in Rome to live lives that honour their calling as children of God – he states it this way “live not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit”. But living this way and professing faith in Christ has led to ill-treatment and pain from others who oppose them and their way of life. The writer of this letter encourages those experiencing such to recall that Jesus in his life knew much suffering and pain. He tells them that “if, in fact, we suffer with him ... we may also be glorified with him”. We listen to a reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 12-25 (Philip Wadham)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel + According to Matthew chapter 11

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Pastor Aneeta

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

Hymn

Tell Out My Soul #362

Rachel Mitten

THANKSGIVING

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy

God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God +
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Faith

Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

This is the first and the greatest commandment.

The second is like it"

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Helen and Freya McArthur

n peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, in your mercy" and our response will be "hear our prayer"

Lord, we pray today for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for equality and for patience. We pray that those in positions of power use it wisely and for the benefit of all.

We pray for the safety and well-being of anyone at risk or in danger across the world. May Christ give you strength and courage.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Almighty God, we pray for the people of Canada. We pray for the farmers trying to manage their crops under extreme weather conditions. We thank you Lord for the beauty that surrounds us in each province. We pray for those that are struggling and are being tested at this time. May we all help each other to see the positive in any challenge being faced.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord in our local community we pray for people who are in need whether it be physical, financial, emotional or spiritual. We pray for those who are new to our community and we warmly welcome them. We thank you Lord for the incredible guidance you provide. We promise to share your words and your love.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines

In our Anglican-Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for: Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, Indigenous Bishop Sid Black, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary
The assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

In our diocesan cycle of prayers we pray for:
Logan, our bishop, & Ansley, the diocesan administrator. St John the Divine, Victoria - Alastair McCollum, Kevin Arndt, Bill Tarter, Grant Croswell, Patrick Sibley, & Stephanie Wood. Diocese of Kootenay - Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

In our parish prayers we pray for:

Willi and Gordon, for Jan, April and Caleb, Sonya, Judith, Maya, Kelsi, Andy, Thomas and Frank, for Eugene, Harriet, Janette, and for Bob, Rich, Katrina and Jaime and for Naheed Rahanna and their daughter.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Freya: We thank you lord for your love and kindness. We thank you for the animals and the warm sun to make us smile. We are blessed.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Aneeta

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using a version from the New Zealand Prayer Book:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

~ New Zealand Prayer Book

Hymn

O God of Every Nation CP#593

Allison Marshall

SENDING

Announcements: Thank you for joining us in worship today. Thanks to Allison, Shirley, Rachel, David, Max, Philip, Helen, Freya and Ed! We have Zoom Fellowship and Coffee Hour today at 11:00 am. An email was sent to you yesterday with the Zoom meeting ID and password.

We have Zoom Kids Sunday School at 10:00 and Join us on Wednesdays at 1pm for a social and prayer time...Check out the website for contacts for our Zoom meetings.

Thank you for returning your congregational survey on the reopening of our parish. Parish council meets on July 29th to talk about what we heard from you and to make plans accordingly. Thank you for your work, thoughts and prayers in this process.

People of God.....Receive our Lord's blessing.

Benediction The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lords face shine on your with grace and with mercy and the Lord look upon you with favour + and give you peace, Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God.

Join us every week for worship. A link to the recording will be sent out via email along with a liturgy to follow along every week. Join us for Zoom "Children's Chat" at 10:00 am If you'd like to join and haven't been in contact with Scott please email him at scott.dolff@gmail.com This Wednesday join us for online Zoom drop in prayer at 1:00 pm.

Pastor Aneeta can be reached for pastoral concerns at (asaroop@bc.anglican.ca) or call (250-812-5965)

Today! – At 11am we will begin our Zoom coffee time. A virtual room to log in after worship and spend some social time together. If you haven't tried Zoom yet, don't be frightened! It's the second-best thing to meeting in person. Wally or I can help you get set up.