

Morning Prayer – Monday, July 6, 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

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

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 1:1-18 (Contemporary English Version – CEV)

Before Israel was ruled by kings, Elimelech from the tribe of Ephrath lived in the town of Bethlehem. His wife was named Naomi, and their two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. But when their crops failed, they moved to the country of Moab. And while they were there, Elimelech died, leaving Naomi with only her two sons.

Later, Naomi's sons married Moabite women. One was named Orpah and the other Ruth. About ten years later, Mahlon and Chilion also died. Now Naomi had no husband or sons.

When Naomi heard that the LORD had given his people a good harvest, she and her two daughters-in-law got ready to leave Moab and go to Judah. As they were on their way there, Naomi said to them, "Don't you want to go back home to your own mothers? You were kind to my husband and sons, and you have always been kind to me. I pray that the LORD will be just as kind to you. May he give each of you another husband and a home of your own." Naomi kissed them. They cried and said, "We want to go with you and live among your people."

But she replied, “My daughters, why don’t you return home? What good will it do you to go with me? Do you think I could have more sons for you to marry? You must go back home, because I am too old to marry again. Even if I got married tonight and later had more sons, would you wait for them to become old enough to marry? No, my daughters! Life is harder for me than it is for you, because the LORD has turned against me.”

They cried again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth held on to her. Naomi then said to Ruth, “Look, your sister-in-law is going back to her people and to her gods! Why don’t you go with her?”

Ruth answered,

“Please don’t tell me
to leave you
and return home!
I will go where you go,
I will live where you live;
your people will be my people,
your God will be my God.
I will die where you die
and be buried beside you.
May the LORD punish me
if we are ever separated,
even by death!”

When Naomi saw that Ruth had made up her mind to go with her, she stopped urging her to go back.

(Be still and aware)

Poem – Where Will I Find You
BY YEHUDAH HALEVI
TRANSLATED BY PETER COLE

Where, Lord, will I find you:
your place is high and obscured.
And where
won’t I find you:
your glory fills the world.
You dwell deep within—
you’ve fixed the ends of creation.
You stand, a tower for the near,
refuge to those far off.
You’ve lain above the Ark, here,
yet live in the highest heavens.
Exalted among your hosts,
although beyond their hymns—

no heavenly sphere
could ever contain you,
let alone a chamber within.

In being borne above them
on an exalted throne,
you are closer to them
than their breath and skin.
Their mouths bear witness for them,
that you alone gave them form.
Your kingdom's burden is theirs;
who wouldn't fear you?
And who could fail
to search for you—
who sends down food when it is due?

I sought your nearness.
With all my heart I called you.
And in my going out to meet you,
I found you coming toward me,
as in the wonders of your might
and holy works I saw you.
Who would say he hasn't seen
your glory as the heavens'
hordes declare
their awe of you
without a sound being heard?

But could the Lord, in truth,
dwell in men on earth?
How would men you made
from the dust and clay
fathom your presence there,
enthroned upon their praise?
The creatures hovering over
the world praise your wonders—
your throne borne high
above their heads,
as you bear all forever.

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.

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