

Finding the Voice of Hope in the Heaviness of our Times

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost [Proper 15] ~ Sunday July 11, 2021

~ moving through our suffering – living inside the tragic gap ~

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Lectionary Readings:

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19
EPHESIANS 1:3-14

PSALM 24
MARK 6:14-29

Music for the day:

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998) or the local parish booklet *Open Wide the Church's Door*

Opening	CP 465	Here in This Place New Light is Shining (<i>verses 1,2,4</i>)
Reflective	CP 484	In Christ There Is No East or West (<i>tune: CP 620, St. Peter</i>)
Gospel	CP 632	The King of Glory Comes (<i>based on Psalm 24</i>)
Offertory (<i>Hymn of the Day</i>)	CP 647	Spirit of the Living God (<i>verse 1, sung twice</i>)
Closing	CP 597	Lion and Lamb Lying Together (<i>verses 1,3,4,5</i>)

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The Collect – the Prayer of the Day:

**God of the prophets,
whose word cuts through the webs of power,
and holds the tyrant to account:
be with all who raise voices against oppression and misrule.
Help us to stand by them in solidarity, and witness to your reign now;
in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**



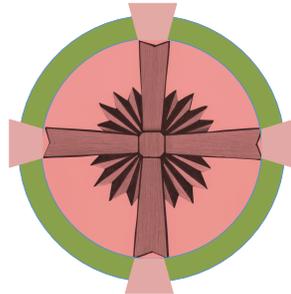
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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Announcements & Worship Directions

Words of Welcome & Acclamation:

In this time and place, many of us gather online from our homes on the ancestral territories of the Pentlatch-speaking peoples, the forebears of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations, and in the lands and the watersheds of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchahnulth and Coast Salish peoples.

Good morning, and welcome!

Gilakas 'la, klecko-klecko, huy'ceep q'u.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

Voice: We gather in the name of the living God.

All: We meet in the presence of Jesus, God's Anointed, risen and alive.

Voice: We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

All: In this time and place, heaven and earth are one.

Voice: We are no longer alone. We are one in Christ.

All: We are knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

Presider:

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,
Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Centering Stillness

Presider: In a time of quietness, let us centre ourselves,
in openness to the Spirit of God. *(silence)*

Collect of the Day

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Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

(A short reflection on the hymn ~ Andrew)

Opening Hymn:

CP 465 Here in This Place New Light is Shining

Lament and Grief

REMEMBERING OUR PART

As the Anglican church on these islands and inlets, we acknowledge our part in the genocide perpetrated on the First Peoples of Turtle Island and, to the extent that we are able, we have committed to journeying towards healing and reconciliation with First Nation, Inuit, and Metis peoples.

In the midst of remorse, lamentation and mourning for the loss of so many children buried in unmarked graves across our country, the settler church is called to listen to the stories, to bear witness to the grief and sorrow, and to prayerfully work towards healing for ourselves, for the First Peoples of this land, and for the world.

Let us pray now for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown, things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
 to the honour and glory of your name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sentence

Thus says the Holy One:

A voice is heard in Ramah,
 lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

she refuses to be comforted for her children,

because they are no more. (Jeremiah 31.15)

PSALM VERSE:

Children are truly a heritage, from the Holy One

Psalm 127 (*v. 1 may be sung in Hebrew by Andrew; tune: the Coventry Carol*)

A song for the journeys that take us upward. A song of Solomon.

¹ Unless the Holy One builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.*
 Unless the Holy One guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
 eating the bread of anxious toil; *
 for God gives sleep to us, the beloved ones.

³ Children are truly our heritage, from the Holy One, *
 the fruit of the womb is so valuable for us all.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. *
 Happy are those who have a quiver full of them.

⁵ They shall not be put to shame, *
 when they speak with their opponents, at the gate of the courthouse.

Glory to the Creator, to the Word and the Wisdom,
 to the Holy One and the Great Spirit. *

The one who is at the beginning, at the end, and is with us always.

Engaging The Word and the Wisdom

A First Reading: A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

**Reader: Celebrating the divine presence, with all of our strength and energy.
 A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.**

David again gathered all the chosen of Israel, thirty-thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Holy One of all diversity, who is enthroned on the cherubim.

They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.

David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Holy One with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Holy One had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Holy One with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Holy One with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Holy One came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Holy One; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Holy One, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Holy One.

When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Holy One of all diversity, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God**

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19 ~ NRSV, alt.

Reflective Hymn:

CP 484 In Christ There Is No East or West (*tune: CP 620, St. Peter*)

A Reading in Early Christian Scripture ~ Ephesians 1.3-14

Reader:

A Reading in Early Christian Scripture, from the Letter to the Christian Community in the City of Ephesus. A long-range plan to lovingly bring everything back together again: reconciliation on the biggest scale possible.

³⁻⁶ How blessed is God! And what a blessing to us! God is the Beloved One, from whom our Teacher comes ~ Jesus, the Christ, God's Anointed. And God takes us to the high places of blessing in this Anointed One.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Because of the sacrifice of the Anointed One, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free!

God thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

¹¹⁻¹² It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

¹³⁻¹⁴ It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This down payment from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God**

Hymn for the Gospel Reading:

CP 632 The King of Glory Comes

The Gospel Reading:

Reader: Have you ever seen violence being done in the palaces of power?
 The holy gospel, according to Mark. *(All: Glory to you, Jesus, God's Anointed)*

The reputation of Jesus was spreading, and King Herod came to hear about it.

Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When Herod heard John, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom: The Gospel of Jesus, God's Anointed.

(... All: Praise to you, Jesus, God's Anointed)

MARK 6:14-29 NRSV, alt. A. Twiddy (*The Process*)

A homily or reflection ~ Andrew

A time of quietness and/or instrumental music may follow the homily

Hymn of the Day (The Offertory Hymn)

CP 647 Spirit of the Living God (verse 1, sung twice)

An Affirmation of Faith



Leader: Let us affirm our faith.

All:

**We give our hearts in trust to God,
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives.**

**We give our hearts in trust to Jesus,
who came to bring us healing,
and to liberate us from all forms of oppression.**

**We give our hearts in trust to the Spirit of God,
who transforms and transfigures our world,
and who works in and through all
who are turned towards the truth.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and sometimes full of doubt,
we affirm our trust in the Community of Faith,
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves to the service of all people,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth, and to share
the commonwealth of God's goodness. Amen.**

The Lifting Up of the Offering

The presider or an assistant lifts up in prayer an offering plate or basket, containing symbols of our prayers for the world, the church, and the special needs of the day. We include the names of parishioners, community partners, and all others in our various cycles of prayer, along with the names of those who have requested our prayers

An Invitation to Weekly & Daily Prayer

*in our cycle of prayer this day and throughout this week, we give thanks and we pray together
for the well-being of the world, the church, and those in special need*

We give thank and we pray for peace, justice, and well-being throughout the world:

- giving thanks for all whose lives of service promote the common good
- honouring First Nations on whose traditional territories we live and work
- asking that we may grow in our resolve to respond to climate crisis, and to care for our planet
- seeking a spirit of reconciliation & collaboration among nations, faiths, & cultures
- and remembering our governmental leaders and elected representatives,
in the municipal, provincial, federal, and international work they undertake

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our wider family in faith:

- for ecumenical and interspiritual co-operation, and for all our neighbouring churches
- for our partnership in the Anglican communion throughout the world:
for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Linda our Primate; for Lynne our Metropolitan;
and for all with whom they work and serve
- for Mark our National Indigenous Archbishop, Melanie our Reconciliation Animator, for our journey in faith
and solidarity with the Council of the North, and for the work of all our Indigenous Anglican communities

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our own parish and diocesan family, remembering especially:

- all our members, associates, and friends who share in our ministry
- for the ministry of all our parish groups, networks, partners & organizations
- for all parishes of our diocese, especially remembering ...
- for Anna our Bishop, and for our priests Andrew & Christine, in ministry among & beyond us;

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for those who express care and compassion,

- for those working on the frontlines of care and service in a time of global pandemic, for leaders in health care,
and for research workers and those who work behind the scenes to bring relief, hope, and healing
- for the work of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund and its global partners, for the Canadian
Food Grains Bank and those responding to global hunger, drought, floods, fires, migration, and displacement
- remembering those who reach out to the needy and to vulnerable populations in our local community, & those
who nurture all the circles of our citizenship, both nationally and around the world
- for the work of our local agencies serving and advocating for those on the margins, and for those who face
issues of homelessness, addiction, and mental health

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

As we stand in solidarity alongside all those in need, we pray:

- for those suffering from Coronavirus, through illness, anxiety, or isolation
- for those in trouble, sorrow, conflict, sickness, or any other adversity ...
- and in silence or aloud, we remember the special needs of those requesting our prayers ...

God of love and compassion hear our prayer



Prayers of the People:

In peace, we pray to you, God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Anna our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, God; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

God, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.



We gather all our prayers into one, and following the pattern that
Jesus gave us, we pray:

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.**

The Peace

From our hearts to your hearts, from satellite to soul...

The peace of God be always with you. **And also with you.**

A Blessing

Presider:

May God's hidden presence bless you and keep you.

May God's unseen face shine compassion on you.

May God's smile caress you, and give you peace.

In the name of the one beyond all naming, +

strong, vulnerable, and compassionate, +

the Creator, the Holy One, the Great Spirit. +

Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 597 Lion and Lamb Lying Together

A Commissioning for Service

Voice: May God send us forth with a *restless discomfort* ~
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may live deep within our hearts.

Voice: May God send us forth with a *holy foolishness* ~
with a confidence that we can make a difference in this world,
to restore justice, to offer kindness, and to heal the earth.

Voice: Go in peace, to love and to serve

All: Thanks be to God.