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14th Sunday after Pentecost – August 29, 2021

Officiant: Wherever you are, whoever you are, we welcome you to the Anglican Church of St. Peter, Quamichan.

Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen. (Source: Gelasian Sacramentary)

We acknowledge and give thanks for the Land:
Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Coast Salish People and the Cowichan People, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land and all lands in this country. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant: Grace and peace to you from God.
All: God fill you with truth and joy.
Officiant: The Lord be with you.
All: The Lord bless you.
Officiant: This is the day which the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sentence of the Day God brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind and first fruits of his creatures. *James 1:18*

Officiant: Almighty God,
All: to whom 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.

Introit: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you
All: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray,
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Teach Me My God and King

Officiant: I invite you to settle your hearts as we listen to these words of scripture.

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * **my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**

2 You are the fairest of men; * **grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * **a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.**

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * **with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * **and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.**

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * **on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

Together, let us pray:

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

All: **Praise and Glory to God**

Deacon: When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So, the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: **Praise to Christ, the Word**

Homily - The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk

Music for reflection

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us Pray, God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us. *Silence...*

For your love and goodness

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them. We remember especially, Pat, Geoff, Chris, Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brandon, David, Priscilla, and Connie. For those who are suffering from Covid-19 and the aftereffects, we lift to you, the people of this province, who have been affected by flood, drought and fire. *Silence...*

For your love and goodness

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations remembering especially Justin our Prime Minister and John our Premier, Dr. Bonnie Henry, William, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and all of the leaders of first nations people across this land. We pray for Al and Michelle our mayors. We lift to you farmers across our country who are struggling to raise their produce against these conditions of drought. Guide all to live with tolerance as we continue to seek justice, peace, and reconciliation.

On this day we remember especially the people of Afghanistan, protect them we pray, lead the leaders of our world to provide a safe haven. Guide the invading army to be compassionate as they move forward. We pray for the people of Haiti, as they recover from political unrest, earthquakes, and flooding. *Silence...*

For your love and goodness

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory. *Silence*

For your love and goodness

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. *Silence...*

For your love and goodness

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness
All: **God's love shall last for ever.**

Birthdays this week

Blessing

Officiant: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. So... be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Dismissal:

Deacon: Grace and peace remain with you, and keep you in the love of Christ. Alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

Flowers on the Altar

Announcements

Closing Music: All Things Bright and Beautiful