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8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:00 a.m. Service

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PROCESSIONAL: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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THE GREETING:

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **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.**

GLORY TO GOD

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Kyrie: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (Prayer of the Day)

All: **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 in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM: 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON: Fr. Simon

Remember who you were

Ephesians 2:11-22

Memory is a funny thing, but it is obviously important to us as human beings. It gives us a point of reference to the past and helps us make sense of the present and helps anticipation of the future. In fact, without memory, we are somewhat lost as human beings.

Memory is central to the Biblical story. The people of God remembered who God was through their Biblical ancestors – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – and the stories of God’s saving work like the Exodus. The Biblical narrative only makes sense through memory.

Memory is also central to our liturgical life. We “remember” what Christ has done for all of creation in the Eucharist. We remember the key Biblical stories through the season of the liturgy, right through from Advent to Pentecost and the anticipation of Christ’s coming. Everything in the liturgy is a reminder of the historical rootedness of our faith – from the Creed to the Confession, from the Greeting to the Dismissal. The entire liturgy is constructed from Biblical and historical text to remind of what God has done, for us to appropriately or take on in the present and for us to anticipate its future unfolding – the reconciliation of all things in Christ through God’s mission of grace and compassion.

In this section of the Apostle Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul wants to remind the Christians in Ephesus to remember where they have come from. In doing so he wants to show them what they have become in Christ. By drawing two pictures – a form of juxtaposition – of who they were before they knew Christ (B.C.) and who they are because of Christ (A.D.), he wants to help them understand the fullness of who they are. He wants them to remember that without Christ they were aliens, strangers, without hope, far off and on the wrong side of the dividing wall between them and God. But with Christ all that has changed.

A few years ago, I was travelling from South Africa to Sweden on a South African passport. As a South African citizen, I obviously had no difficulty leaving South Africa and as somebody living in the British Commonwealth, I had no difficulty landing in London while in transit. But when I arrived at Gothenburg airport in Sweden it was a very different story. It was very clear to me that as I stood at the Immigration desk that I was an alien and stranger, that I stood on the wrong side of that great glass dividing wall and that without their stamp of approval I was clearly without hope of enjoying the company of family and friends.

In a sense we stand in a similar predicament without Christ – not because God wants to keep us out, but because of a consequence of our inability to love God with all of our being and to love our neighbour as our self (what we refer to as “sin”). Our sin is a natural barrier between us and God and a barrier that God chose – in love – to deal with through Christ. Paul reminds us that “in Christ” – who is our “passport to citizenship” – we have been brought near, granted peace with God and humanity, reconciled, incorporated, have access to God the Father through God the Holy Spirit, become citizens, saints and members of God’s household and part of the living construction or temple that is the dwelling place of God.

Baptism – as an act of drawing on memory of what God has done in the past and bringing it into the present and anticipating its working out in the future - is an outward sign of that incorporation. As a sacrament it is an outward and visible sign that points towards an inward transformation that is a favour of God – a grace – deep within our being. As the baptism promises indicate to us, it is not the actual baptism “getting wet” that changes our status and makes us members of church and brothers and sisters in Christ – it is not some magical act that pursued God to do something – but an act of faith in Christ that brings the memory of what God has done into

the present. That is why we have three renouncements of evil and three affirmations of a desire and intention to accept Christ as the one who saves us from alienation and incorporates us into the family of God because of his grace and love – we do all this in faith by entrusting ourselves to Christ.

At times we need to remind ourselves of what Christ has done for us. It is the memory of who we are without Christ that should shape the choices we make and our understanding of ourselves as we live faith into the future. At the same time, if we are in Christ, we need to remind ourselves of all that Christ has done for us and be thankful. None of this has been done through our own effort, but solely through grace and the favour shown to us because of Christ.

People: Amen

(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#2)

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”)

Officiant: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(Silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, 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.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN: *They'll We Know We ae Christians*

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Holy Eucharist 199 a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 200 Holy Eucharist In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in

whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD #2

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for well all share in the one bread.

LAMB OF GOD:

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

*You Call Us Lord to Be
His Name is Wonderful*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING:

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

People: Amen.

REMINDERS: Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements

RECESSIONAL: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

- Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Simon Bell
- Bread: Fr. Simon
- First Reading: Amy Pauley
- Second Reading: Beth Steffler
- Prayers: Margaret Paradis
- Gospel: Peter Beckett
- Server: Beth Steffler
- Audio/Visual: David Paradis
- Music: Craig Snider
- Chancel Ministry: Beth Steffler
- Sidespersons: Bob Cheesman, John Snow

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Roxanne Reid & Family & Bill Goodyer Family; Garn Mennell; Jane & Ron Lewis; Lorraine Whitwell; Doreen; Alan Proudlove; Anthony Sacco; Sally Rees & her mom; Michelle Sinclair, Mom and Family; Livia & Neil Purcell; Adesh; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Cecilia Mowat; Tanya Bowskill; Sheri Scott; Audrey Moody; Wally Raymond; Christine; Kim; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wendy; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Lynda Raye; Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Sean; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Sophia L; Jane Tutty; Jean Glionna; Dorothy & Chuck; Kevin Hamann; Laura Johnston; Marilyn Foley; Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Marg Abbott; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Donna Wilson; Gordon Kennedy; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Martin & Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Diocese of the Dominican Republic

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Victoria & Haliburton Deanery