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Pentecost Wednesday Service

May 26, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

RESPONSORY

Celebrant: God's love has been poured into our hearts.

People: We dwell in him and he in us.

Celebrant: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Celebrant: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: And speak of all his marvellous works.

Celebrant: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

People: Who was and is and is to come!

THE PSALMS

Psalm 38

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness; I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all day long I go around mourning.

For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.

I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you.

My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction, and my neighbours stand far off.

Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.

But I am like the deaf, I do not hear; like the mute, who cannot speak.

Truly, I am like one who does not hear, and in whose mouth is no retort.

But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

For I pray, ‘Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast against me when my foot slips.’

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me.

I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Those who are my foes without cause^[a] are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.

Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good.

Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READINGS

A READING FROM SECOND BOOK OF CORINTHIANS 1:23-2:17

But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. So, I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. For I wrote to you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ. And we do this so that we may not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

When I came to Troas to proclaim the good news of Christ, a door was opened for me in the Lord; but my mind could not rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So, I said farewell to them and went on to Macedonia.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many; but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 15:1-2, 11-32

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So, he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all

these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

The Parable of the Loving Father

In Hosea 11:1-11 we have a parallel passage to the story that we refer to as the “prodigal son”. It reads as follows: “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ... How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? ... My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.”

This prophetic image of God as a loving and tender father follows three other prophetic images or metaphors of Israel - as grapes in a wilderness, a luxuriant vine and a trained heifer. In each of these three previous metaphors we see something that has such promise come to complete ruin and, in each case, God brings final judgment and destruction. But in this fourth image it is almost as if the prophet Hosea suggests that God as the parent repents or changes God’s mind and, motivated by compassion and grace, offers restoration and hope.

Of course, we have repeatedly read this parable of Jesus from the perspective of the son, but it is helpful if we see it in the context of the prophetic tradition found in Hosea and read it from the perspective of the father. The first three chapters of Hosea (salvation or deliverance) are about his faithful relationship with his unfaithful spouse Gomer. They have three children: a son Jezreel (“God sows”); a daughter Lo-ruhaman (“not loved”) and a son Lo-ammi (“no-kin-of-mine”). The fate of the children is resolved in Hosea 2:23, “and I will sow him for myself in the land. And I will have pity on Lo-ruhamah and I will say to Lo-ammi, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’” In each case the name is played upon to emphasis that God will turn their fate around and create of them stories of hope. It finds its echo in the people’s response in Hosea 14:3 “we will say no more, “Our God”, to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy/pity/*ruhamah*.”

The parable of the Loving Father is set in the context of two other parables – what we have titles as the parable of the lost sheep and the parable of the lost coin – that start with these opening words in Luke 15, “Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him (Jesus). And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow (Jesus) welcomes sinners and eats with them.’” The opening dialogue plays out in the relationship of two brothers to their father, one who wishes his father were dead so he could get his inheritance and the other who dutifully stays and is angered at his father’s compassion and graciousness. However, we define them – as “sinner” or “religiously dutiful” - the father is equally loving of them, is equally hurt by them and is equally gracious to them. In essence, while their lives take very different journeys and bring them to very different places, they have both hurt their father. And while their father’s response to each

son may seem vastly different, he has consistently responded with compassion and grace and called them to be more than they are.

As we journey through this season of Pentecost may we find our true hope in God's gracious and compassionate response to us – irrespective of the life journey we have taken. May we, in grace, find God's affirmation of us as those given life, identity and mercy by God. And as much as we would like to define each other as deserving or undeserving, may we find our communality as the children of God.

People: Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hear, O Israel

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, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The Holy Spirit

(Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, "Come, Holy Spirit, come.")

Celebrant: Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Celebrant: Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Celebrant: Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Celebrant: Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Celebrant: Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

We give thanks for the life of Carey Carle and we pray for Jane and Ron Lewis and family as they mourn his passing.

People: Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: **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.**

DISMISSAL:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NOTICES

BLESSING:

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

People: **Amen.**

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Simon Bell

Video: Simon Bell/David Paradis

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

Jane & Ron Lewis; The Noseworthy Family; Joyce Antony & Family; Broomes Family; Adesh; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Cecilia Mowat; Tanya Bowskill; Sheri Scott; Audrey Moody; Wally Raymond; Christine; Kim; Jeremiah Sullivan; AJ; Dorothy & Chuck; People of St. Vincent; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wendy; Adara; Jean Glionna; Sarah & Dee; Kaus; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Lynda Raye; Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Ron & Jane Lewis; Sean; Sophia L; 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:

Marg Thomas & Family; Kevin Hamann; Beth Steffler & Family; Michelle Sinclair's Mom & Dad; Kevin & Danielle Sullivan; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Laura Johnston & Family; Amy P. & Family; Lyon's Family; Marilyn Foley; Kadeem Broomes; Diane M.; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Mark & Winnie; Staff and Residence at Roberta Place; Brian W.; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Stephanie; Fr. Murray; Marg Abbott; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jordan; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Margaret & 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:

The Diocese of Central Ecuador

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Grace Church in Scarborough