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5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabeg Peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

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.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
2 Timothy 1.10

VENITE

Psalm 95.1–7

Celebrant: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Celebrant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

People: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Celebrant: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great king above all gods.

Celebrant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

People: and the heights of the hills are his also.

Celebrant: The sea is his for he made it,

People: and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Celebrant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

People: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

Celebrant: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

People: Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE PSALMS

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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 THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something--now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK 5:21-43

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So, he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Faith and humility – the story within a story of healing

There is an intentionality in the way Mark records these two stories in today's Gospel - about a man called Jairus who is encouraged into humility and faith and the unknown woman which is a story of demonstrated humility and faith.

The story of Jairus, a significant leader of the synagogue whose family's news would have been "our news", is set as the central stage. His twelve-year old daughter, a young woman who was just entering into womanhood in the community and some folk would have had an interest in because of the future that would be expected of her, is sick and on death's door. Her situation is so desperate that Jairus himself comes to seek Jesus' help to restore his daughter to good health, who appeals to Jesus by falling at his feet and begging him to heal his daughter.

So, Jesus responds by going with him, but he is delayed by the pressing crowd and this unknown woman who touches him and is healed. We then pick up Jairus' story some ten verses later when a group of people come from his home to tell him, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher?"

Now obviously, if one of us was Jairus we would be so devastated! We would be beside ourselves with grief at the loss of our child. But if we were Jairus we might be really angry at Jesus. We might have shouted out, "If you knew the situation was so urgent then why did you take up your time talking to that unclean and unknown woman in the crowd? Why did you have to make so much of her touching your cloak and waste all that precious time?" But Jesus responds to him, "Do not fear, only believe."

By the time they get to Jairus' house the crowd is in an upheaval, but Jesus responds, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." But rather than take these as words of consolation, the crowd simply burst out laughing and move from weeping for Jairus' daughter to belittling Jesus. Jesus then clears the house of the rent-a-crowd and takes the three disciples he has selected – Peter, James and John – and the parents and takes them to where the girl is lying. He takes her hand and commands her to get up. To everybody's astonishment she gets up. Jesus then commands that little group in the room to tell nobody what happened and orders the parents to feed their daughter – as much to nourish her as to cement in their mind that she is alive.

Within the story of Jairus is this story of an unknown woman. She is only known to us because of her condition and her response to Jesus. We are told that she had been suffering from a hemorrhage or bleeding for the same amount of time that Jairus' daughter had been alive, for twelve years. She is a complete contrast to Jairus. As a woman and of much lower social status, she would have been religiously shunned as "unclean" because of her condition. She would not be allowed to participate in the religious activities of the community. Mark tells us she had "endured much under many physicians" and made bankrupt in her pursuit of healing and was in a worse situation after all the intervention than before it.

She could not make a public appeal for help from Jesus, so she decides to simply touch his cloak as he walks past on the way to Jairus' house. Mark tells us that she was instantly healed and that she could feel effect upon her body right there and then! Jesus was aware that somebody in the pressing crowd had touched him, so he stops and asks, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples, probably pressed by the urgency of Jairus' situation, respond, "You see the crowd around pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"

Mark tells us that the woman “came in fear and trembling, fell down before him and told the whole truth.” As an “unclean” woman she knew she was not meant to touch a man, because in doing so she would “contaminate” him and make him religiously “unclean”. But in contrast, rather than seeing her as this religiously unclean person who has been inappropriate, Jesus sees in her the very humility and faith that he has tried to inspire in both Jairus and the crowd at Jairus’ home. He says to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.” In calling her daughter he demonstrates the same love that Jairus has for the girl who is ill at home. In commending her for her humility and faith he sets her up as an example to Jairus and the crowd. In dismissing her with a blessing, he sends her off with peace and the reassurance of the certainty of faith that she has been healed.

May we be reminded by the writer of Lamentations that, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness” (3:22). And with the Psalmist that God’s “favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger a night, but joy comes with the morning” (Psalm 30:5) and “The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seek him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord” (Psalm 30:25-26).

People: Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

People: **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.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Litany 3

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)

Celebrant: Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for Andrew our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We pray for this city Barrie and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, people of all genders: that you will show your goodwill to all.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We pray for those new to faith and those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; 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: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NOTICES: Opening up for in-church worship – 4th of July. We are currently at our limit but if you would like to be put on a waiting list or on the list for July 11th please contact the office by phone or email.

BLESSING:

Celebrant: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

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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:

Vern; Marie; Todd; Jerry Wade; Alan Proudlove; Anthony Sacco; Sally Rees & her mom; Michelle Sinclair, Mom and Family; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jane & Ron Lewis; Adesh; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Cecilia Mowat; Tanya Bowskill; Sheri Scott; Audrey Moody; Wally Raymond; Christine; Kim; AJ; Dorothy & Chuck; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wendy; Adara; Jean Glionna; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Lynda Raye; Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; 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:

Kevin Hamann; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; 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; Garn Mennell; 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 Cuba

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Diocesan Council Executive Board and Trusts