



The Parish of St. Laurence, Coquitlam
June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

“TO BE HOPEFUL in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness.

What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world
in a different direction.

And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.”

– **Howard Zinn**

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill us.

Come, Holy Breath,
Live in us.

Come, Holy Wind,
Move through us.

Where we are guided by prejudice,
Fill us with love.

Where we are guided by pessimism,
Fill us with joy.

Where we are guided by misunderstanding,
Fill us with peace.

Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,
Fill us with patience.

Where we are guided by self-interest,
Fill us with kindness.

Where we are guided by apathy,
Fill us with goodness.

Where we are guided by convenience,
Fill us with faithfulness.

Where we are guided by complacency,
Fill us with meekness.

Where we are guided by temptation,
Fill us with self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill us.

Come, Holy Breath,
Live in us.

Come, Holy Wind,
Move through us. Amen

from *Aids Candlelight Memorial Service*, posted on the
Christian Aids Bureau for South Africa website. www.cabsa.org.za/

Hymn - *Let All Things Now Living*

1. Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.
2. His law he enforces,
The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine,
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Reading Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast of our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love as been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still more sinners Christ died for us.

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Psalm 100

Refrain

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.*

A psalm of thanksgiving.

Shout joy to the Lord, all earth,

serve the Lord with gladness, enter God's presence with joy!

Know that the Lord is God,

our maker to whom we belong, our shepherd, and we the flock.

Refrain

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.*

Enter the temple gates,

the courtyard with thanks and praise; give thanks and bless God's name.

Indeed the Lord is good! God's love is for ever, faithful from age to age.

Refrain

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.*

Gospel Reading

Reader May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Eric Mason

Offertory *So Will I (100 Billion X)*

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Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our saviour has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All 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.

Hymn *Sing a New Church*

1. Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance."
2. Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.
3. Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Saviour's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!

4. Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

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Blessing

May the blessing of the God of peace and justice
be with us;

May the blessing of the Son
who weeps the tears of the world's suffering
be with us;

And may the blessing of the Spirit
who inspires us to reconciliation and hope
be with us
from now into eternity.
Amen.

Posted on the **World Council of Churches** website. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/home.html>

Sending

Love wholeheartedly.
Live as you were created.
Be God's people in our fragmented world. **Amen.**

written by Tim Graves and posted on **LiturgyBits**. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>



The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and
for Blessings received for the marriage of Russ Pauli and
Ardella McLaren on June 13, 2020.



THE FIRST READING

Out of the desert come three strangers. A mysterious conversation ensues, promising a birth for the childless Abraham and Sarah. In the tender patient love making of old age Isaac is conceived and carried to birth. His cries mingle in the silence of the desert night with his mother's delighted laughter. "God has brought laughter for me" she cries "everyone who hears will laugh with me". Sarah comes down through time to us as a fascinating and feisty woman with a highly developed sense of humour.

THE PSALM

From beginning to end this Psalm rings with expressions of gratitude. It's the intense gratitude we feel when a huge burden has been lifted. We have all known this kind of experience in our lives. When the poet cries "The Lord has inclined his ear to me" we know that feeling of intense relief. However the poet now reminds us of something we often fail to do when our relief has faded and life becomes busy and full again. We can so easily forget to give thanks to God. The poet asks "How shall I repay the Lord?" It's a question we all need to ask ourselves.

THE SECOND READING

The heart of this passage is the last sentence. "God proves his love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us". Paul is trying to get people to realize the wonder of that utterly undeserved love. Let me share something very simple and personal. I recall a morning, it happened to be in Holy Week, when I looked at my far from inspiring reflection as I was shaving. For some reason I was moved to what I think you could regard as a silent prayer. "God, you gave me my life and those who love me. You came into this world and died an unspeakable death so that I might have meaning and hope and joy in my life today". Then I said a short simple "Thank you". Somehow I think that's what Paul is trying to get us to grasp in this passage.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

It's about thirty years after the crucifixion and resurrection. Followers of Jesus have formed communities in many places. Matthew recalls Jesus' ministry of healing and tells his own generation that their vocation is to continue Jesus' work. Twenty centuries later, as our generation faces a world of much suffering, we are called to contemporary ministries of healing. When congregational life forms a well trained pastoral care team; when a parish includes prayer with the laying on of hands for healing; when there are healing circles for those struggling with addictions, in all these ways we continue our Lord's ministry. In this present dark time of much isolation, loneliness and even fear, every effort we make to reach out to one another, every phone call, every email, every text message, every exchange on FaceTime, can become a moment of Good News, an occasion of building a small part of the Kingdom of God, and a continuation of our Lord's healing ministry.

Herbert O'Driscoll

While we were sinners

*Look at God's love for us:
while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

Romans 5.8

Jesus didn't go get himself killed
so he'd be punished for our sin instead of us.
Our sin is our inability to trust God.
In our distrust we try to make and keep life for
ourselves,
and hurt others in the process.
In love God is willing to stand in the path of our
violence
with forgiveness.
God's love changes us, setting us free
from our distrust and violence.
Jesus embodies that love, even though we kill
him,
offering it before we're willing to accept it.

Let God love you.
Forget all notions of your deserving.
Just allow yourself to be God's Beloved:
a sinner, yes, but beloved. Deeply loved.
That's all you need.
Let yourself be loved,
and let the love take over.

Steve Garmass-Holmes *Unfolding Light*
<https://www.unfoldinglight.net/reflections/xyy5nbfz4ln3jtb52aznd98klr9tx2>

NEWS & NOTICES

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St. Laurence Anglican Church

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SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR

Eric Mason invites you to join us:

Time: Sunday's, approximately 10 minutes after the live stream service.

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