



The Parish of St. Laurence, Coquitlam

August 9, 2020 at 9am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

"If three steps are taken without any other motive than the desire to obey God, those three steps are miraculous; they are equally so whether they take place on dry land or on water." Simone Weil

Call to Worship

Presider: With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and sunshine, with the ancient rocks and the budding flowers,

All: We gather in praise of God.

Presider: With believers and seekers the whole world wide, with people in every land, and speakers of every language.

All: We gather in praise of God.

Presider: With the angels and saints in heaven, with St. Laurence who inspired us, and with all who have worshipped with us,

All: We gather in praise of God

Presider: With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers her blessing,

All: We gather in praise of God.

Presider Here let heaven and earth embrace,

All: Here may God's people find home.

Hymn *Be Not Afraid*

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: *Be not afraid.*

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**
3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! **Refrain**

Reading Romans 10: 5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”
⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Psalm 85: 8-13

⁸ I will listen to God speaking:
"I, the Lord, speak peace,
peace to my faithful people
who turn their hearts to me."
⁹ Salvation is coming near,
glory is filling our land.

- 10 Love and fidelity embrace,
peace and justice kiss.
- 11 Fidelity sprouts from the earth,
justice leans down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord pours out riches,
our land springs to life.
- 13 Justice clears God's path,
justice points the way.

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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.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 14: 22-33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified,

saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

²⁸ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ ²⁹He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

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

Homily The Reverend Eric Mason

Offertory *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Bethany Butler-Wong

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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 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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The Sending Forth

Presider For all that God can do within us,
For all that God can do without us,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Presider For all in whom Christ lives before us,
For all in whom Christ lives beside us,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Presider For all the Spirit wants to bring us.
For where the Spirit wants to send us,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Presider Listen, Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship
Go now and become your prayer.
All **We go to serve the Beloved. Amen.**

Wee Worship Book, page 17, Fourth Incarnation, Iona Community.

Dismissal

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

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

"Walking on Water"

You know how it is sometimes
when you look out on water
smooth as a mirror I've always
wanted to try it so I simply stepped off the dock when
everything was clear and still
it wasn't like flying or
sleep-walking. But the surface wasn't hard as glass
either
and it wasn't like parting
the Red Sea or anything I think
it was just a matter of wanting
to do it putting one foot
in front of the other and going.

I went all the way around
the island and when I got back
this friend of mine asked me
where I was and I said "Out walking"
Now that I know that I can do it
I can hardly wait until tonight.
When the moon comes up
and makes a path on the water
I know exactly where I'm going.

by Ellen Kort

NEWS & NOTICES
St. Laurence Church
Week of August 9, 2020

Eric Mason is inviting you to a

"SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR"

Please join us at 11:10 am

<https://zoom.us/j/96414938528>

Meeting ID: **964 1493 8528**



If you could spare a couple of hours once a month to help keep our gardens looking so great, please contact Terry Newell @ 604-762-4967.

Thank you!



St. Laurence has signed up for Encore return-It Express. If you want to get rid of all those beverage containers that you have lying around and don't want to take the time to sort them all then why not donate the money to St. Laurence. Money collected will go towards purchasing some round tables for the hall. If you would like to donate your beverage return \$ to St. Laurence here's all you have to do:

1. Put your containers in a clear plastic bag, (which can be picked up at a bottle depot, or your local grocery store, blue recycle bags are acceptable). No sorting needed!
2. Go to an Express depot, either use your pre-printed labels (which can be picked up at the church) or at the kiosk by using the church's phone number, 604-936-5423 to log in and print your labels, one per bag.
3. Place a label on each of your bags and leave them in the bag drop area.
4. Encore will sort your containers and credit St. Laurence's Express account with your refund within 5 business days.

Please contact Derek Walmsley with any questions, at 604-942-8788 or dgwfotos@gmail.com



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