**A Service of Morning Prayer for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 9, 2020***With members of the Parish of the Valley Clergy Team*

*and from across the Parish of the Valley and St Barnabas, Deep River*[*www.valleyanglicans.ca*](http://www.valleyanglicans.ca)

**Bell Ringer** – Bernie Raglin  **& Greeter** – Kim Silkie, from St George’s, Alice

**Words of Welcome, Responder & Gospel –** Canon Susan Clifford

**Officiant & Sermon** – Bishop Michael Bird

**Reader & Intercessor** – Jennifer Cross, Holy Trinity, Pembroke

**Hymn** – “Lord we Hear Your Word with Gladness” #447 CP played by Marie Zettler, St Paul’s, Cobden

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

Bishop Michael: I wait for the Lord; in His word is my hope.

**All: O Come let us Worship.**

Bishop Michael: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop Michael: Come, let us worship God our King.

**All: Come, let us worship Christ, our King and our God.**

Bishop Michael: Come let us worship Christ among us, our King and our God.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

**Venite** *(Psalm 95:1-7)*

**All: Come, let us sing to the Lord;**

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

**Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving**

**and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God**

**and a great king above all gods.**

**In His hand are the caverns of the earth,**

**and the heights of the hills are His also.**

**The sea is His for He made it,**

**and His hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come let us bow down and bend the knee,**

**and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For His is our God,**

**and we are the people of His pasture and the**

**sheep of His hand.**

**Oh, that today you would hearken to His voice!**

Bishop Michael: I wait for the Lord; in His word is my hope. O Come let us Worship.

**The Proclamation of the Word**

Jennifer Cross: A reading from Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

**37**Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. **2**This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. **3**Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+37%3A1-4%2C+12-28&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-1087a)]**4**But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

**12**Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. **13**And Israel said to Joseph, ‘Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ **14**So he said to him, ‘Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.’ So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, **15**and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, ‘What are you seeking?’ **16**‘I am seeking my brothers,’ he said; ‘tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.’ **17**The man said, ‘They have gone away, for I heard them say, “Let us go to Dothan.”’ So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. **18**They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. **19**They said to one another, ‘Here comes this dreamer. **20**Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.’ **21**But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, ‘Let us not take his life.’ **22**Reuben said to them, ‘Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him’—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. **23**So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleevesthat he wore; **24**and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

**25**Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. **26**Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? **27**Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.’ And his brothers agreed. **28**When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Jennifer Cross: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks Be to God.**

**Psalm** 105:1-6, 16-22 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name;

**\* make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.**

2 Sing to the Lord, sing praises,

**\* and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.**

3 Glory in the holy name;

**\* let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

4 Search for the strength of the Lord;

**\* continually seek the face of God.**

5 Remember the marvels the Lord has done,

**\* the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,**

6 O offspring of Abraham the servant of God,

**\* O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.**

16 Then God called for a famine in the land

**\* and destroyed the supply of bread.**

17 The Lord sent a man before them,

**\* Joseph, who was sold as a slave**

18 They bruised his feet in fetters;

**\* his neck they put in an iron collar.**

19 Until his prediction came to pass,

**\* the word of the Lord tested him.**

20 The king sent and released him;

**\* the ruler of the peoples set him free.**

21 He set him as master over his household,

**\* as a ruler over all his possessions,**

22 to instruct his princes according to his will

**\* and to teach his elders wisdom.**

Jennifer Cross: A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Romans 10:5-15

**5**Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ **6**But 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). **8**But 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); **9**becauseif 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. **10**For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. **11**The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ **12**For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. **13**For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

**14**But 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? **15**And 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!’

Jennifer Cross: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks Be to God.**

Canon Susan: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:22-33)  
**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**22**Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23**And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24**but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. **25**And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. **26**But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. **27**But 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.’ **29**He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. **30**But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ **31**Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ **32**When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33**And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Canon Susan: The Gospel of Christ  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon –** Bishop Michael Bird

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All: 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.**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings**Led by Jennifer Cross, Holy Trinity, Pembroke

The response to “Lord, in Your mercy” is “hear our prayer”.

**The Collect**

Bishop Michael: Through the storms of life, O God,

you walk with Your people in the person of Jesus Your Son.

Calm our fears and strengthen our faith

so that we may never doubt His presence among us

but proclaim that He is Your Son, risen from the dead, living forever.

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Bishop Michael: And now, as our Saviour Christ 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.**

Bishop Michael: Glory to God  
**All: 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.**

Bishop Michael: Let us bless the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Bishop Michael: Closing Blessing

**All: Amen.**

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.*

**Closing Hymn –** “Lord, we Hear Your Word with Gladness”. #447 Common Praise, played by Marie Zettler, St Paul’s, Cobden

Lord, we hear Your word with gladness:

You have spoken – we rejoice:

words of love and life and freedom –

help us make their truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration

for Your Word we worship You;

spoken, written, known in Jesus,

ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,

by Your Spirit taught and led;

may the springs of all our being

by Your living Word be fed;

may our hearts accept with meekness

all the grace Your light makes known;

may obedience mark our footsteps

till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; Yours the fullness,

ours the wealth of this Your Word:

debtors, then as living letters,

we must make our gospel heard!

By Your Spirit’s power transform us;

shed Your saving light abroad

till our lives by love in action

show our world the truth of God!

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