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# August 23, 2020 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

## Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things So wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth: Hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour.

They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."

But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?"

The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages."

So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

#### **Psalm 124**

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say; if the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us; then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

#### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

#### **Intercession:**

We pray for our Diocese: St. Barnabas, Calgary: The Rev. Kersi Bird, The Rev. Jerrod McCormack, The Rev. Eric Haffenden.

We pray for members of our parish family: Wayne and Christina Power; Clyde Rattan; Margaret Reinders.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: Howie Williams, Beth Nielson

We pray for Father Thomas and his home Diocese of Maiwut, South Sudan, and for Marcus Herrel, preparing for ordination.

# Hymn "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

God whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store, Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door, Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labour, Lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at Your throne.

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We pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church: ACC: Bishops Michael Hawkins and Adam Halkett, the clergy, and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan. ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. Philip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, on St. Vincent: The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis.

Readings for August 30: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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Officiant: The Rev. Kersi Bird Preacher: The Rev. Eric Haffenden

Organist: Margaret Kosa Reader: Jill Stroud It is our intention to commence in-person services in mid-September. The survey results indicated much interest in attending services, while others are not ready to come back at this time.

If you are interested in participating in one of the new ministries, please contact the co-ordinator, Jill Stroud, by email at <a href="mailto:stroud@shaw.ca">stroud@shaw.ca</a> or phone 403-561-6102 and indicate which ministry you are interested in. The new ministries are:

- Sanitizing between the 8:30 AM and the 10:15 AM services
- Entrance assistance
- Recording the 10:15 AM service
- Hosting Zoom coffee hour online
- Duties yet to be determined

You will soon receive in the mail a letter outlining new protocols and with instructions on how to make a reservation to attend a service.

Gloria is vacation until September 8.

To add your name to the intercession portion of the bulletin, please call or email the office. You may add another person's name provided you have his/her permission. Names will be added for four weeks which may be extended upon request.

Videos of services are available on our YouTube channel, and Facebook. Click on or paste <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5Gx5gap54L0yVH8-t\_dQUQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5Gx5gap54L0yVH8-t\_dQUQ</a> into your browser to go directly to our YouTube channel. You can download the bulletin and youth bulletins from the Bulletin page of the website.

Every Sunday at noon, Margaret Kosa rings the bells for a brief concert which can be enjoyed from Riley Park.

We are accepting donations of non-perishable items for St. Edmund's food bank on Tuesday, August 25 from 10:00 AM until noon

For our next outreach project, we are looking for a volunteer with some construction skills to create an outdoor cupboard that could work as a community food hamper and Little Free Library. We would provide the construction supplies. If you are able to help, please phone or email Kersi at priest@stbarnabas.ca.

Please join us for a Zoom conference call on Sunday at 11:00 AM. To join the call, click on this link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7825637683">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7825637683</a>. ID: 782 563 7683; Password: 2002; use the mute function at the bottom of the screen unless you are speaking. To join with a landline, dial 587-328-1099 at the appointed time, enter meeting ID 782 563 7683 followed by #; you will then be asked for your own ID – press # to bypass this message and you will be connected to the call.

To join the Wednesday Bible study and prayer meeting via Zoom at 10:00 AM, click on this link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7825637683">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7825637683</a>. ID: 782 563 7683; Password: 2002; use the mute function at the bottom of the screen unless you are speaking. To join with a landline, dial 587-328-1099 at the appointed time, enter meeting ID 782 563 7683 followed by #; you will then be asked for your own ID – press # to bypass this message and you will be connected to the call. The readings for August 26 are Psalm 119:105-128 and Acts 7:17-43.