

Morning Prayer – Thursday, November 26, 2020
St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay. www.stgeorgecadborobay.ca

Opening Words

O God of all Creation,
Whatever this day may bring, and wherever I must go
May I seek to follow you in all I say and do.

A moment of silence for reflection

Hebrews 3:1-2,6 (CEV)

My friends, God has chosen you to be his holy people. So think about Jesus, the one we call our apostle and high priest! Jesus was faithful to God, who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in serving all of God's people. But Christ is the Son in charge of God's people. And we are those people, if we keep on being brave and don't lose hope.

A moment of silence to reflect on the reading

Poem – “A Thank-You Note” by Michael Ryan

For John Skoyles

My daughter made drawings with the pens you sent,
line drawings that suggest the things they represent,
different from any drawings she — at ten — had done,
closer to real art, implying what the mind fills in.
For her mother she made a flower fragile on its stem;
for me, a lion, calm, contained, but not a handsome one.
She drew a lion for me once before, on a get-well card,
and wrote I must be brave even when it's hard.

Such love is healing — as you know, my friend,
especially when it comes unbidden from our children
despite the flaws they see so vividly in us.
Who can love you as your child does?
Your son so ill, the brutal chemo, his looming loss
owning you now — yet you would be this generous
to think of my child. With the pens you sent
she has made I hope a healing instrument.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, THE WORLD, AND ONESELF

Closing Prayer

In Your love is my
complete security,

close to Your heart
is my true home.

And, as a plant
soaks up the moisture
from well-watered ground,
reaching up
and knowing the smile
of the sun

so let Your tender mercies
come to me,
that I may deepen,
love and grow
strong in Your love.

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