

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8th 2021



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence

I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

John 6.51

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

2 SAMUEL 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;

PSALM 130;

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2;

JOHN 6:35, 41-51

Believe

For a long time, God has sent us as his messengers to seek love (Him), so that we believe in Him as our only God and creator; and at the end of time, he sent his Son Jesus Christ to save us from the sin that we ourselves create.

For many years I have heard many reflections from pastors, priests, Christians and non-Christians, many conversations with Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and many other religious groups. I have also had the fortune to read many different theological, philosophical, and psychological interpretations of our Christian faith.

I recently read an interview with MAHATMA GANDHI, a man who lived and fought in peace and for peace. It was sad to read these words: *"I love your Christ, but not your Christianity." In these words of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. J.H. Holmes summed up the Indian leader's view of Christianity in a recent interview with a CRIMSON reporter. Dr. Holmes, professor of Philosophy at Swarthmore College and a member of the Society of Friends, has just completed a tour around the world, during which he spent some time in India. He had several opportunities of conversing with Gandhi. He was present at the meeting of the All-Indian Congress and had the honor of being the only westerner ever allowed to speak from their platform.*

Continuing in Gandhi's words, Dr. Holmes said, "I believe in the teachings of Christ, but you on the other side of the world do not, I read the Bible faithfully and see little in Christendom that those who profess faith pretend to see.

"The Christians above all others are seeking after wealth. Their aim is to be rich at the expense of their neighbors. They come among aliens to exploit them for their own good and cheat them to do so. Their prosperity is far more essential to them than the life, liberty, and happiness of others.

"The Christians are the most warlike people."

"We have discovered the mysteries of the atom, but at the same time we have forgotten the Sermon on the Mount." Mahatma Gandhi based his entire life and all his preaching and struggle for nonviolence on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 1-12)

For a man who was not a Christian lived Christ more faithfully than many who call ourselves Christians, BELIEVED in CHRIST more than any other Christian, or LOVE Christ more than many Christians.

MARIO MORENO "CANTINFLAS" Mexican comedian said one day in one of his films called *"Your Excellency"* *"Gentlemen representatives, there is another reason why I cannot give my vote: exactly twenty-four hours ago I presented my resignation as ambassador of my country, I hope it will be accepted. Consequently, I have not spoken to you as Excellency but as a simple citizen, as a free man, as an ordinary man but who, nevertheless, I believe I interprets the greatest desire of all men on earth, the desire to live in peace, the desire to be free, the desire to bequeath to our children and our children's children a better world in which good will and harmony reign. And how easy it would be, gentlemen, to achieve that better world in which all white, black, yellow and*

copper, rich and poor men could live as brothers. If we weren't so blind, so stubborn, so proud, if only we governed our lives by the sublime words that that humble Galilean carpenter said two thousand years ago, simple, barefoot, without tailcoats or decorations: Love, Love one to each other ", but unfortunately you misunderstood, confused the terms, and what have you done? What are you doing? « Arm yourselves, arm yourselves against each other "

Today the gospel puts Believing in our hands, the entire chapter six of the Gospel of John begs us to believe in Christ as our Savior, that we love him as our Lord, that we speak as our Brother, that we become one or with Him , but this was presented for great struggles within Christianity, we fear theology and the struggles between Roman Catholic Christians, non-Roman Catholic Christians, Anglican Catholic Christians, Orthodox Catholic Christians and many others what Believe means and I made it a struggle because many theologies that we only need to believe to be saved and others say that only believing is a dead faith and we continue in meaningless struggles while half the world is starving, we pollute the rivers, we destroy creation, we eagerly seek to fill our pockets because the important thing is to have , we are filled with rage in political struggles, and we forget who our Lord told us: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Juan 13:35

Today's gospel begs us to believe in Christ, to love him above all, but as a teacher my LOVE to Christ if I do not see him, how I serve My Savior if he does not present himself to me. And Jesus himself gives us many examples of life that he told us to do: "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Mateo 25:35-36

But more than saying the same he did it, he healed the sick, God of eating the hungry, he clothed the naked, gave education to some illiterate people like his apostles, he visited those who were imprisoned.

This is showing our faith in Christ, showing that we love our Savior is living to serve our brothers, because "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Mateo 25:39 "The Father and I are one." John 10:30

God does not want us to love him with empty words but rather to love his presence in each brother that we meet on the road, in each animal, plant, river in all his creation. Being a Christian only in words is easy but being a Christian living Christ in a life of dedication and help to the brothers is more difficult, it always implies us to be apostles who live the gospel and remember how the apostles ended.

God bless you today and always.

Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Let us pray for the peace and the health of the people on this earth:

The Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith with health.

Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the New Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick especially loved ones, family and friends: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast,

Lord hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN.

We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning 8 August 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Kendall Reimer-Johnston** (interim), **the Rev. Matthew Hartt** (deacon) and the people of **Brant Regional Ministry**.

Remembering our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.

June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, John, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M. Carol M., George F., Carol H., and anyone known to you.



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It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, 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.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

<https://youtu.be/AJPAZjBBOs8>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

Do you like to sing? Are you in grades 3-12?

A choir program is starting in **PORT ROWAN!!**

Con Brio Singers will have a variety of opportunities for vocalists of all ages.

Rehearsals will take place at St. John's Anglican on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm

*Depending on the number of singers, this may be divided into separate age divisions.

COST: \$10 for a performance t-shirt (to be worn with plain black pants) and \$20 for music folder (rental)

Rehearsals: September 15 - December 22

EXPECTATIONS: Attend ALL rehearsals, review music during the week (rehearsal tracks will be sent via email), & participate in two performances in December.

The choir will continue into the 2022 year with more opportunities to perform and maybe make a recording!

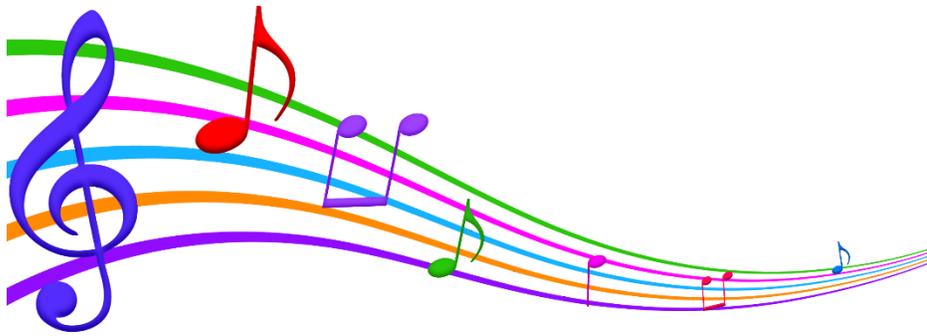
For more information:

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*Gena (conductor) has her Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, and an Associate Degree from Trinity College in piano performance. She taught music K-8 for 32 years, including 3 years K-12. She has a police check and is fully vaccinated.

*Kevin (accompanist) has his Bachelor of Music, ARCM, ARCO, and LTCL in piano and organ. He taught music in a private high school in Oakville for 17 years and has 100's of compositions worldwide. He has a police check and is fully vaccinated.



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If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in August – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

Enrique Martinez can be contacted by email at enrique6921@hotmail.com or by phone at 519 586 3401 – Please note that Enrique's day off will be Fridays

Our parish assistant Anne Halls can be contacted by email at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or by phone @ 519-586-7034

Please visit our website parishoflongpointbay.com and Facebook page

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts - Sunday, Aug 8th, 2021

73 – One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no. more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

2. May the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

460 – Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness;
Everchanging from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.