

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22nd 2021



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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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6.68

Collect

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.

Readings

1 KINGS 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43;

PSALM 84;

EPHESIANS 6:10-20;

JOHN 6:56-69

*Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
"Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.*

Selah .

*For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you." Psalm 84: 3,4,10-12.*

These verses, from our psalm appointed for today, will be familiar to many of us and we may have even joked about being a "doorkeeper in the house of my God". For most of you reading this you have spent a lot of time in Church, one way or another. Not just attending worship services but also at meetings, fundraisers, outreach projects, or maybe altar guild duties, property maintenance and the list goes on. I suspect that during this pandemic, with the restrictions around gathering, you have missed being involved in the Church community with others. I never thought I would say that I actually miss the Parish Meetings but it is true. I suspect it is just being with other friends and like-minded folk to do the "work of the Church". Why is it that the psalmist declares, "For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere"? I suspect that this ancient author experienced the joy of doing something that we believe, not only, benefits ourselves, but also serves God and the neighbour that God calls us to love.

Yesterday here in Pt Dover where I live, the local Probus group offered a socially distanced lemonade event outside on the lawn of St. Paul's Anglican Church the first public gathering of this group in over a year. The folks who attended experienced a real joy in seeing each other again after so long apart. They appreciated that the Church had provided a pleasant and safe place outside for them to gather. This is just one small example of the differences that a local Church can make simply by being there and open to the community.

One of my parishes after retirement was All Saints, Hagersville, and now as I drive past and see the For Sale sign, my heart always feels sad to think that this small but active community is no longer there. I remember not only the worship services, but also the Lenten lunches, community plant sales and other activities that took place there. I write this not to complain about the economic and social realities that are forcing so many of our Churches to close, but to point out that we are very blessed in Long Point Bay Parish to have found a creative way for three of our "village churches" to remain open and serving the community by working together. This pandemic has changed the way many of us view the life and work of the Church, and on-line services are probably part of our continuing outreach, however we are looking forward to seeing the Parish Churches back, serving their members but also the communities. We curse our buildings at times but they can be a great asset for ministry if we use them wisely. And so we say with the psalmist, "Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise."

Prayers of the People Aug. 22nd 2021 From Juanita Kynoch bjkynoch@hotmail.com

Grateful for the gifts we have already been given, we now bring our hopes and needs into the presence of our provident God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Because we need to be nourished by your word and sacrament, we pray for our church that we might both be willing to eat of your food and drink of your wine and in turn be food and drink for one another. In faith, we pray to you. O God.

We pray that you may bless our world and deliver it into the hands of leaders who trust in your providence, serve others in your name and work to establish a reign of justice and peace. In faith, we pray to you, O God.

We pray for the so many poor and hungry people in our world, that we may be generous in giving, compassionate in serving and sensitive in understanding the needs of others. In faith, we pray to you, O God.

We pray for those with serious illness, Covid, chronic pain and those for whom treatment is no longer an option. Guard our hospital staff, healthcare workers, and all involved in caring for the sick. As we enter the 4th wave of Covid, may we continue to vaccinate, follow all the procedures in place and do our part to curb this pandemic. In faith, we pray to you, O God.

Today we lift the people of Afghanistan up to you. Protect the military troops as they give up their safety to serve. May all who are visiting, working, be air lifted back to their homes safely and quickly. We lift our leaders up, here and abroad, who are tasked with making quick and difficult decisions. Take hold of all, Lord, and help them walk through this fearful time. In faith, we pray to you, O God.

Creator of the world, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 22 August 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Silcox**, the **Rev. David Hyatt** and the people of **Grace Church, Brantford**

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.

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/PIJOM0qo9ql>

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!

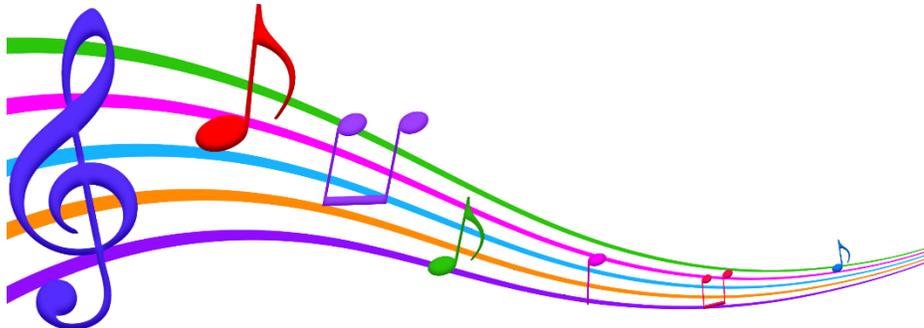
For more information:

Call Gena at 519 586 7833 or

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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.



11am today outdoor Eucharist service at Turkey Point with Bishop Townsend. Please bring your own chair

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 22nd, 2021

207 - At the Lamb's High Feast

1. At the Lamb's high feast, we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in this tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the pascal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love, eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthrall!
Thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. This, our gift of Easter joy, sin alone can now destroy;
From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and or praise, Father, unto thee we raise;
Risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

378 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as they matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;
They praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.