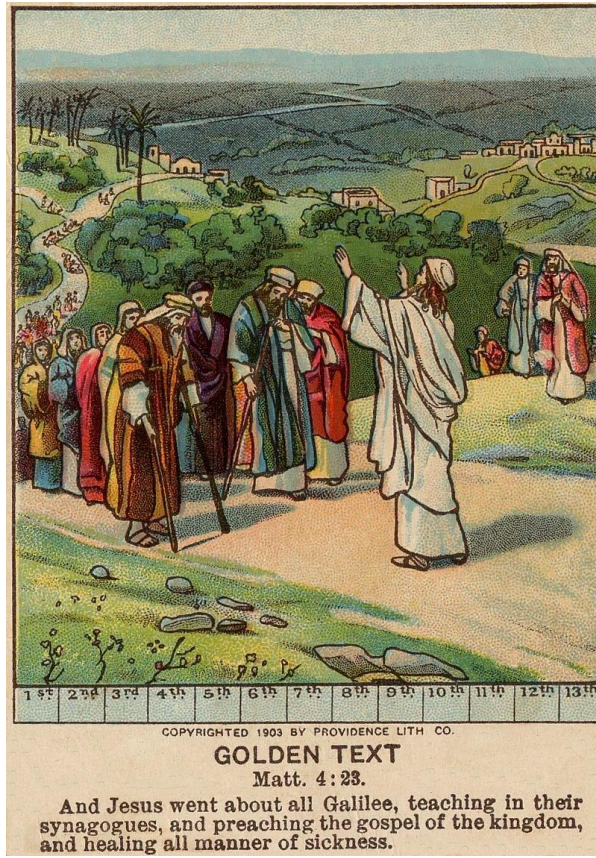


15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5th 2021



Opening

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

Sentence

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.
Matthew 4.23

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;

PSALM 125;

JAMES 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17;

MARK 7:24-37

Reflection for September 5th from Rev. Jack Cox

On this Aug 27th, as I reflect on the readings for the Sunday of Sept 5, I'm comfortably ensconced on Manitoulin Island, on the shore of Lake Kagawong (literally within spitting distance of the water). (This is definitely God's country!) As I looked at the readings for Sept 5, the Gospel jumped out at me. Here we have a gentile woman, coming to Jesus asking him to heal her daughter. Just remember that members of the Jewish community did not associate with gentiles. It would make them (members of the Jewish community) unclean, and so unable to enter the Temple or synagogue. But this gentile woman approaches Jesus to get help for her daughter. Who is this Jesus? He's not a rabbi, not a priest, not a Sadducee, not a Pharisee (all members of the official Jewish establishment). He's a mamser (someone of questionable parentage). The woman's daughter, who is a gentile (and so unclean) also had an unclean 'spirit'. Do you begin to get a sense of the situation Mark is presenting us here?

There is nothing kosher/orthodox about this whole scene. No upstanding Jewish mother would ever have approached Jesus to ask for the healing of her daughter. But this mother comes to Jesus seeking his help. Ask yourself, what did she see in Jesus that prompted her to seek his help as opposed to any of the more traditional avenues of help.

Now, add to this, the response Jesus gives to this mother's request for help. "Let the appropriate (hear Jewish) children come to be healed 1st. It's not right to take their food and give it to the dogs." OUCH! But this mother is absolutely undaunted. "Sir, even the household pets eat the scraps that fall from the family table."

This mother saw something in Jesus those others (even within the Jewish community) didn't see. And her conviction and tenacity impress even Jesus. And Jesus grants her request for her daughter.

So, my question for you is, when the chips are down, where do you go? Who do you turn to? Who do you talk to? Where do you experience the face of God these days?

And in the midst of the ongoing covid crisis these days, this is not an idle question. Vaccinated? Masked? Socially distanced? The threat, the risk seems everywhere. Where do you turn?

The question, for me, really is about where I can encounter the presence of God, the voice of God. Prayer? Reading the bible or other spiritual writings? All of those are possibilities. But sometimes I just need to know I can talk to someone, share my struggles, my faith, my doubts with someone and not just talk to myself. That's what the Christian community is really all about. And it is not about some amorphous 'community'. It's real flesh and blood people. So, to rephrase my question, to whom do you turn when you really need to talk to someone about something that really matters to you? Who embodies, gives real flesh to that community for you?

It's often important for us to identify such people in our lives before the deep need arises, so that, when it does, we know where to go.

I can promise you; God has already given you that gift. Can you identify that gift so that when the need arises, you, like the mother in the gospel, know where to go?

God Bless you in your search! And thank God for the gift that is just waiting to be discovered!

Jack

Prayers of the people - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Colin Clarke

Praise to you, Almighty God, Lord of all Creation. From you, all good things come into being. Grant us the gift of wisdom to understand the purpose you have for us, that we may live just and gracious lives.

As a new school year begins, we give thanks for all those who have laboured to make the schools and the school transportation services safe for our loved ones. Let your strength carry us all onward.

Lord, you called upon us through your Son to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. We ask that your Spirit guide us to do so during this time of increasing confrontation and conflict among ourselves.

Help us, Heavenly Father, to be good stewards of the earth and all its bounty. Bless the farmers and their workers who have continued to keep us fed throughout the pandemic. Bless the front-line care providers and first responders and their families, that they may all be cared for as they have cared for us.

Grant comfort and peace to those who have lost loved ones. Give them the strength to have Faith that those who have gone before us now enjoy eternal life with you and the whole company of Heaven, and that we will be with them again.

All this we ask, 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 Sunday 5 September 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Enrique Martinez** and the people of the **Parish of Long Point Bay**.

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., 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/idOUGHxgNUs>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is accepting donations for Haiti earthquake relief – For more information go to:

<https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-haiti-earthquake-relief/>

- September 5 Eucharist Service at Memorial Church Port Ryerse and St. John's Woodhouse
- September 12 Eucharist Service at St. John's Port Rowan.
- September 19 Eucharist Service at Memorial Church Port Ryerse and St. John's Woodhouse.
- September 26 Eucharist Service at St. John's Port Rowan.
- September 29 2021 induction Eucharistic service at St. John's Woodhouse presided by Ven. Archdeacon Janet Griffith.



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 September – 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.



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

Email: spiritosomusic1@gmail.com

*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.

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, September 5, 2021

397 - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two0edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

531 - You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.