

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12th 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

God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. See *2 Thessalonians 2.14*

Collect

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

PROVERBS 1:20-33;

PSALM 19 OR WISDOM OF SOLOMON 7:26-8:1 AS CANTICLE;

JAMES 3 :1-12;

MARK 8:27-38

Reflection for September 12th from The Rev'd Dr. Justin Comber

At our best, we Christians don't do things just because the time is right, or because times have changed, or even because it's about time. At our best, we act out of what we believe. We are guided, in a word, by our theology. That said, our understanding is not perfect. Even a brief list of the things, present and past, called "biblical" by Christians should offer us not a small amount of humility. We have, in past, used our theology to subvert races, colonize others' homes, ignite wars, and justify our basest desires.

This Sunday, at our parish, we are focussing on two timely and intertwined themes: justice, and our environment. And we do this, not just as an expression of our own relevance, but because these things are rooted in our Christian belief, and particularly in a theology of creation.

What we call "social justice" nowadays should not need an introduction as a theological topic. But it does. The easiest route would be to turn to the prophets, who were so concerned with the welfare of the poor, the other, and the vulnerable that they threatened, with God's voice, total separation from God and the total denial of sacrifice until what was wrong could be made right. But even their entreaties had theological grounding. Because we, and everything else, are God's handiwork, God's co-creation. The whole of our world—plants, animals, rocks and minerals (even they will worship God their creator) alongside angels, the heavens themselves, and you and I—shares in having been shaped by God's hand, and having been given the breath of God as our very life. We, together, depend on God. We, together, have nothing apart from what God has made. We can offer God nothing but what God has given and we, together, verge on the gravest of sin when we assert rightful or independent possession of anything that God has made. The earth is the Lord's, to quote the psalmist, and everything it; every lump and nugget, morsel and grain, the stars and the animals, every friend and enemy, even you and I. And each of these were made in relationship with one another, and with their creator.

Our relationship with God is clearest. We depend on God, and we give him our thanks and praise. That much, to Christians anyway, has always been clear. But a theology of creation also defines our relationship with the rest of creation; human, spirit, rock, and bird. It's this relationship that we've most often got wrong, and most often by removing God from the equation. If God gives life to me and to others, then another's suffering and death is not someone else's problem—what the theologian and poet John Donne meant when he wrote "no man is an island, complete unto itself." If God is the creator of sun, rain, and harvest, then another's hunger is not someone else's problem. If all life is the breath of God, and earth our God-given home, then there is only sin and death in waste and greed, in the hoarding of what is not truly ours, the destruction of what is good (for us and others) to hold our treasure and hide our waste.

If God is the God of creation, then there is only good in giving, protecting, feeding, preserving, taming our hunger, moderating our need, seeing others as worthy of God's grace, earth as our shared home, and offering all of these little sacrifices in thanks to God our maker. Not just because it's time. Not just because our climate is changing, our resources are depleting, or because famine and hunger, disease and death are revealing themselves as the apparent results of our ever-growing appetites. But because we are Christians, because we believe, and because we have nothing and are nothing apart from what God has made.

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Prayers of the people - 16th Sunday after Pentecost – from Jack Addison

Gracious God

we pray for those who struggle against You in thought word and deed.
We pray for those who knowingly flout Your will
and exploit others for their own gain.

We pray for those who put their trust and faith in false gods,
who know there is something missing in their lives
but deny that it is You –
instead seeking refuge in money, possessions, and success.

We pray for our world that is broken and in pain.
For those who are in sorrow and need.
For the hungry, poor, and lonely.
For the sick and bereaved.
Be their rock and constant companion through difficult and dark days.

Draw near to all and grant the peace of Your presence,
the healing of Your touch and Your guidance
and assurance of love
so that all who are weak and weary
may walk in hope and faith.

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 12 September 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Jason Postma** and the people of **St. James', Paris**.

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 let us know and we will add to the list

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/_vm5T_HNRTk

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 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 Fr. Enrique induction Service at St. John's Woodhouse presided over by Ven. Archdeacon Janet Griffith at 3 P.M. COVID-19 restrictions by invitation only, sorry for the inconvenience.



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

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Please visit our website parishoflongpointbay.com and Facebook page

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, September 12, 2021

537 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy.
Never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

438 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:
My hope to follow duly is in they strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.