

19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 3rd 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

If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4.12

Collect

Almighty God, you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

JOB 1:1, 2:1-10;

PSALM 26;

HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12;

MARK 10:2-16

Reflection for October 3rd from Rev. Jack Cox - revjackcox@gmail.com

Greetings, members of the Long Point Bay community. In contrast to the complexity of my last reflection – the need to learn how to die before we can learn how to live – I want to focus this week on a really simple ‘saying’ of Jesus in this week’s gospel. In this situation, people were bringing little children to Jesus for him to bless them. Jesus looks at the children and says to us adults that we need to learn how to respond more like children if we ever want to receive the gift of God’s kingdom. Notice Jesus’ response to the kids in contrast to his disciples. The disciples saw the kids as a distraction/nuisance. Jesus saw them as examples of how to react to, or discover God’s kingdom. And Jesus picks them up and embraces them.

Little Kids are usually right in the moment. They’re not usually looking back in time, or looking forward in time (maybe they just haven’t had enough of either yet to do that). So, they are right in the present moment. For those of us who are older, perhaps we spend some time in the past or in the future. And when we do that, it takes us out of the present (which, I suspect is where we most encounter God).

Growing up, most of my closest encounters with God were out doors – wandering the fields and streams that surrounded my home. When I would go squirrel hunting, I would be up before dawn, and in the bush sitting under a tree, motionless, before 1st light. I literally watched the birth of the day – the 1st scurrying of small animals and birds before sunrise. As the light grew, life seemed to increase. I felt really privileged to be present for what I came to see as a sacred event. I wasn’t analyzing anything, just watching, enjoying, and learning. God was everywhere – present and acting.

To this day, when I really need to experience God’s presence, I take a quiet walk in the bush. And when I look around me, the signs of God’s presence are always there. Do I always see it? No. But when I look for it, do I always see it? Almost always. I think that simple openness, that willingness to be excited by the little things that I often take for granted, or don’t even look for, can remind me that God’s presence surrounds me. That helps me to look differently, like a child, at the times and simple circumstances that fill most of my days.

At least in part, I think that’s what Jesus is pointing to – that simple openness to wonder, the willingness to see and to respond to the little things, the things I take for granted, the things I’ve stopped seeing – dare I say, the little love notes God keeps sending and hopes I’ll notice.

So today, my question for you and me is: In all the little ‘love notes’ God will send me/you today, which ones will I/you notice. And will I/you then be able to say simply, ‘Wow, I never noticed that before. Thanks!’

May God continue to bless us – even with little things we’ll never notice!

Prayers of the People Oct 3rd, 2021 – from JoAnne Easton - joeaston@kwic.com

Let us together promote and support here in our belief and faith, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome to worship God.

Here in this virtual worship as in our together worship let there be in mind and heart only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us. Come, let us worship virtually or physically together in unity and love. Let us pray.

Gracious God, may we be used to build up the Body of Christ and share love and compassion in a broken and battered world.

Healing God, we pray for those who have been hurt by words and deeds of hate: for refugees and immigrants with or without documentation, for women and girls who have endured words of sexism, for people of color who experience words and actions of racism, for people with disabilities who are told they are "less than," for elderly people who are told they are useless, for young adults who are told they are entitled, selfish, and irresponsible.

God of the Living Word, help us speak and act the truth in love and to care for one another with the words and actions we choose.

God of healing and wholeness, we lift up to you our words of prayer for the people near and dear to our hearts. We give thanks for all the goodness you have given in our lives.

In this time of COVID-19, when we have concerns, God, help us be calm; help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands; help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant, help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

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 3 October 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Sherwood, the Rev. Bryan Robertson** and the people of **Trinity, Simcoe**.

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.

Our prayers and thoughts this week also go out to Jack Addison and family on the loss of Jack's Mother, Mildred Dawn Addison. Mildred passed away peacefully on September 29th in her 100th year. She was surrounded by family. Rest in Peace Mildred.

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/lsEDTzrFAyU>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharist services on Sunday October 3rd
Memorial church at 9:30 am
St. John's Woodhouse 11:00 am

Eucharist services on Sunday October 10th
St. John's Port Rowan



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 October – 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.



Our Parish of Long Point Bay Projects

“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, 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. “Matthew 25:35-36

Hispanic & Migrant Farmworker Outreach Ministry

The Hispanic & Migrant Farmworker Outreach Ministry in the diocese of Huron is a ministry committed to making our migrant workers visible and supported in our community. Migrant farmworkers are a long way from home and sacrifice family life, support network, and their culture, coming to Canada to work and support their families back home. As Christians we want to welcome, support, include, and make them visible in our Canadian community.

Day care

The aim of St. John’s Day Care is to introduce the Anglican faith to families in Long Point Bay Parish by providing Child Care to their children while teaching them about biblical histories using children’s books and other materials that can attract children’s interests, puzzles, toys, etc. Also, provide Spanish classes, healthy homemade meals and outdoor activities. Build a bridge between the community and the Anglican Church to encourage families with younger children to acquire knowledge of our Anglican Church.

Greenhouse

This project aims to benefit those less fortunate to have access to fresh vegetables. Families living in a low income, immigrants just arriving to Canada, people who have been negatively impacted due to COVID-19 (job loss)

Population growth and less availability of food material have become global concerns. The world population increases exponentially whereas food production has increased only arithmetically, meaning that the availability of food per capita has decreased. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom by respond to human need by loving service. God wants our lives to overflow with mercy, love, and compassion the marks of His kingdom. As followers of Jesus, we have a choice: respond to unsettling realities in fear and withdraw, or follow Him in responding to the greatest needs of our day with love and hope.

It is anticipated that funding for these projects will be provided through government grants, support from the diocese of Huron and individual donations. **Donations may be made to the Parish of Long Point Bay.**

I really hope that you will support these outreach projects that put our faith into action.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” James 2:14



This week's online service has been brought to you from Christ Church, Vittoria

Constructed in 1844, the church sits in the middle of Vittoria's historic square and is flanked by the United Church (1845), Town Hall (1870) and Baptist Church (1853). This area provides a rare and valuable legacy of early architectural styles of Ontario – the most important being Christ Church. According to University of Toronto professor, [Marion MacRae, OC](#), “of the timber churches which were designed in the continuing Georgian tradition, one of the handsomest yet standing is Christ Church, Vittoria.”

The church is constructed entirely of wood, namely native Norfolk County pine. The structure, outside and in, displays a number of Regency characteristics, a style popular at the time. The exterior is clad with flush-boarding, beveled on either matching edge, and grooved to imitate the joints of masonry. The corners of the building are finished with heavier pieces of plank arranged to form cornerstones. The overall wood detail makes the church look like it has been constructed solely of carved stone. This particular characteristic is what makes the building so important. According to the Ontario Heritage Trust - Ministry of Tourism and Culture, the church is the last of its style from this period in all of Ontario and likely the entire country.





Sing Along to this week's Hymns

The Church's One Foundation (verse 3 omitted)

525 (*Common Praise*, 1998)

563 (*The Book of Common Praise*, 1938)

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One glorious name we hallow, partake one holy food,
And to one hope we follow, with every grace endued.
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of our war,
We wait the consummation of peace of r evermore,
Till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet we on earth have union with God the Three-in-One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Now Thank We All Our God

399 (*Common Praise*, 1998)# 305 (*The Book of Common Praise*, 1938)

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be hear us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Holy Ghost, supreme in highest heaven.
The One eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore

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.

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