

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10th 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

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3

Collect

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own.

Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

JOB 23:1-9, 16-17;

PSALM 22:1-15;

HEBREWS 4:12-16;

MARK 10:17-31

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On days like Thanksgiving and rogation, we tune our Christian vocabulary to the language of creation. We are surrounded by the good gifts of God. Sometimes they seem more plentiful than others, but they're always there.

And so, we give thanks for all of creation. We give thanks for sunshine and rain, for food and harvest. We look to those bits of creation that seem most insignificant – the birds of the air, the grass of the fields, And we celebrate that they live without worry or fear, without striving or effort. They remind us that life is a gift. In God's kingdom, when there is nothing else, there is still life.

But that doesn't quite do it. The truth is rather backwards. Life isn't just the gift that's left over when everything else is gone, Giving thanks for life is not just looking for the bright side of dim existence, looking with gratitude to the life of creation, the birds and the flowers, is not just a morsel of hope in a faith empty of real promise. Giving thanks to God for our very being, even amid angst and turmoil, is a reordering of priorities.

Because life is the gift of God.

Life is the gift of creation. We are given new life in the spirit at baptism, and we place our hope in Christ for the resurrection to eternal life.

Our cycles of planting and harvest, our expressions of hope and giving up in the winter and the reaping and plenty in harvest remind us of God's great gift of life and the reward of our faith. The seasons themselves are like a grand liturgy teaching us to trust, to believe, and to give thanks. We plant and watch as life springs from the ground, new each year, and we harvest food for the sustaining of new life in the fall. And then we repeat, watching life and rebirth, harvest and plenty circle and cycle as we learn to depend on God for our very being.

So, Look to the birds of the air and the flowers of the field.

They don't have worry, but they have life.

How much more, then, should we trust God and give thanks to God, who loves us, who made us in God's image, who sustains us by God's spirit, and who will restore everything that God has made to perfection at the last.

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Prayers of the People Oct 10th, 2021 – from Juanita Kynoch - bjkynoch@hotmail.com

We thank you, God, for all you have done for us, for the splendour of the whole creation, sunlight shining on the beautiful autumn colours, the singing of the birds, the laughter of children, the smile of friendship, bountiful harvests on our roadsides and markets. Thank you for the farmers and essential workers in producing and picking this harvest.

We pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation. Touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your bounty.

We pray for the universal church, many members but one body, that God may gather it together from the ends of the earth, safeguard its unity and perfect it in love.

We thank you for the blessing of family, friends, and neighbours. Make us ever mindful of our love and respect for each other.

We pray for the elderly, those in middle years and those in schools and universities, especially at this time of the pandemic. We pray for all leaders, that the decisions made will protect our citizens and communities.

Our Lord God, we thank you for all your blessings, for life and health, for laughter and fun, for all our powers of mind and body., for our homes and the love of dear ones, for everything that is beautiful, good, and true. But above all we thank you for giving your Son to be our Saviour and Friend. May we always find our true happiness in pleasing you and helping others to know and love you, for Jesus Christ's sake. 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 10 October 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Bill Graham** (interim) and the people of **Trinity, Waterford**.

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/TnM3lx094K8>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Eucharist services on Sunday October 17th
Memorial church at 9:30 am
St. John's Woodhouse 11:00 am



Please note Food Bank Donations are now accepted at Church again! During this Thanksgiving season

St John's Woodhouse is having a pork roast supper on October 30th. It is a drive-thru dinner includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, squash, coleslaw, vegetables, dinner roll, apple dessert. \$15 per person to reserve your dinner and you can call Sharon at 519-426-4461. Thank you!



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 interest s, 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



Sing Along to this week's Hymns

HYMN TEXTS – Sunday, October 10, 2021

262 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely fathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied,
Come to God's own temple, come, raises the song of harvest home!
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

258 – We Plough the Fields and Scatter

1. We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.
2. He only is the maker of all things near and far.
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.
3. We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our healthy, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

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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