

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17th 2021



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-ND](#)

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

The Son of man came also not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10.45

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

JOB 38:1-7 (34-41);

PSALM 104:1-9, 25, 37B;

HEBREWS 5:1-10;

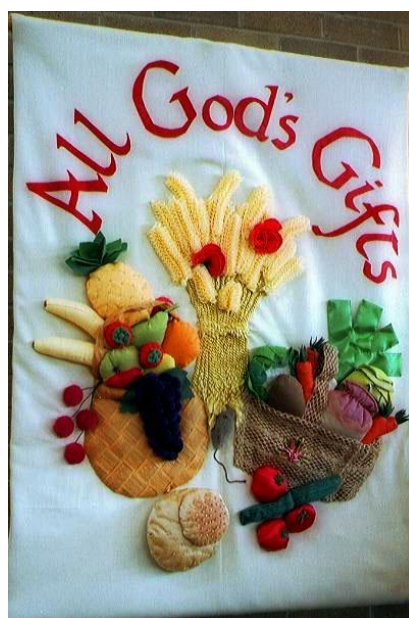
MARK 10:35-45

October 17th Reflection

One of the great things about living in Norfolk County is that a city boy like me can really appreciate the ongoing harvest at this time of year. My first parish was Christ Church, Flamborough. Although it was just outside Dundas, at Bullock's Corners, it was a parish for the farming families that still lived in the area. It was the kind of place where the patriarch of the parish, a kind pig farmer, greeted me on my first Sunday with this advice, "Rick, I'll only give you one warning, never talk about any of us, cause we're all related." This was, in fact the truth, as a visit to the church cemetery could attest. I had a wonderful time there learning to get out of the way, and in the end, being invited into a close and loving community. One of the highlights of my first year was Harvest Thanksgiving, I had never served in a rural church before and I will never forget walking into the church early on Sunday morning and being overwhelmed by the sights and smell. It was like walking into a barn with hay, corn stalks, pumpkins and squash, lots of potatoes and other vegetables everywhere throughout the church. I learned that all this fresh produce was to be donated to the food bank after Sunday Service. It wasn't hard to sing, "We plough the fields and scatter" and feel connected to the earth, the labour, the bountiful harvest and to God.

I get that same feeling today driving around "Ontario's Garden" and seeing the harvests of fruit and vegetables being brought in. The Old Testament reading for today is Job's dialogue with God, a bit troubling for many. Job challenges God by questioning why after leading a blameless life, full of good works and devotion, he should be so tested with grief. Today we hear God's response, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?" Then God goes on to show how all of nature is ordered, and what folly it is to question the nature of God's Creation or actions. In the end Job understands God in a new way, he says, "I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you." How do you understand God? By the hearing of the ear or by sight? I would suggest that God shows him/her/itself in Creation as Job discovered. So, when I see the bounty and the beauty of Norfolk County, I see God, and am humbled, as Job was. In the face of God, the only response is awe and Thanksgiving. We are so blessed, even, as Job learned, in the face of hardship or loss. God cares and is active in our world even if we don't understand it all. For this we give our thanks and praise! A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to each of you,

Archdeacon Rick Jones, rickplus@gmail.com



[This Photo](#) by Unknown
Author is licensed under [CC](#)
[BY-NC-ND](#)

Prayers for Sunday 17th October, 2021. Submitted by Dorothy Koorn

God of love and compassion, we pray for the world we live in:

For leaders to rule with wisdom and justice;

For the people suffering disease, hunger and oppression;

For those affected by natural disasters.

No one is a stranger to you, Lord, no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, and those separated from their loved ones,

And help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need.

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:

In the refugee family seeking safety from violence;

In the migrant worker bringing food to our tables;

In the asylum seekers searching for justice for their families

In the unaccompanied child in a dangerous world

Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us.

Give us hearts that will not turn deaf ears to their voices in times of need;

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, and also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

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 17 October, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Kendall Reimer-Johnston** (interim), the **Rev. Matthew Hartt** (Deacon) and the people of **Brant Regional Ministry**.

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/-UBitEaJjPg>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

and

St. John's Port Rowan Sunday October 24th



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 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



Sing Along to this week's Hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, October 17, 2021

564 – Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

207 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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 paschal 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 appall, 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 of praise, Father, unto thee we raise;
Risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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@gmail.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