

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6th 2021



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Opening

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

And also with you.

Sentence

The ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.

John 12.31,

Collect

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

1 SAMUEL 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15);

PSALM 138;

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1;

MARK 3:20-35

215- remember that number! It is the number of children found buried in an unmarked grave at a former residential school, staffed and run by the Roman Catholic Church.

Historical information here is based on an article by Eric Hanson (2020) which you can access on the web. The Government of Canada enlisted the Roman Catholic church (among others) in staffing and running the residential school system. Children were removed from their homes against their will and without the consent of their parents and sent to the residential schools. They were forbidden to speak their own language, acknowledge their own heritage, culture, and customs and were taught English. Regular physical and sexual abuse are well documented. All of this was intended to eliminate the aboriginal communities from Canada. (enabling them to be more like us). "If this is what you're like, how you treat little children – I want no part of it!" I'd have said.

All of this is history! Most of us have been at least somewhat aware of this. What absolutely shocked me, was the sudden realization, with the discovery of this unmarked grave, of the horror that was perpetrated on these helpless children. Not one or two, or a few – 215! And that's just one grave!

Stolen from their families and homes, robbed of their language and their culture, all in the effort to make them more like us! We completely forgot that when we arrived on this continent, it was only with the aid and support of the aboriginal communities already here, that the white settlers were able to survive.

But what absolutely tore at my heart was the thought of the abuse with which those children were treated. The total disregard for their God given humanity. Removing them from their families, their culture and traditions – all that made them who they were! All of that abusive behaviour simply so that we might be more comfortable.

215! not a couple, a few, - 215 children! Try to imagine the confusion, the fear, the sense of being totally lost with nowhere to turn! I find it hard to imagine a more inhumane, arrogant treatment of any other human beings. And that's just one grave.

That we could lose so totally any touch with the Jesus I know who took little children into his arms as the model of who we are called to be.

I honestly had difficulty sleeping last night thinking of the fear, the uncertainty, the confusion those little children had to live with; with nowhere to turn – except to those purported followers of Jesus, who had no idea of how horrified Jesus would have been at their treatment of those children.

And, in the light of day, I had to wonder if, perhaps in moments of ill considered 'zeal', I might have been as blindly zealous.

We must never forget the simple standard Jesus left us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Prayers of the people from Jack Addison – jwaddison54@gmail.com

We grieve with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, who has just released news that the unidentified graves of 215 children have been found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in Kamloops, B.C. The devastating pain and loss this news triggers are not isolated to Kamloops, but is shared by all who lost family, friends or community members to Indian Residential Schools. So many Indigenous children never came home from the schools where they were forcibly taken, and the weight of the trauma that loss has wrecked in Indigenous communities, is still causing intense harm today.

In humility, the church calls for a time of prayer and lament to honour the lives of those children whose graves were just found and for all family, friends and communities who have lost loved ones through the Indian Residential School system—for whom this news opens fresh wounds. We also call for a time of reflection and recommitment to reconciliation. As we approach the month of June, which is National Indigenous History month, we encourage all church members to reflect on the harmful history and from that reflection seek renewed ways to work for healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

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 6 June, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Rosalyn Elm** and the people of the **Parish of the Six Nations**.

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., Ian M. Carol M., and family and anyone known to you.



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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@hotmail.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/KDXWNISh_vE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bishop Todd Townshend announces that the following will be called to the Priesthood on Thursday, June 24th, the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

The Reverend Jordan Murray, Assistant Curate, St. George's, Owen Sound
The Reverend Enrique Martinez, upon priesting the Rector of the Parish of Long Point Bay (Port Ryerse Memorial Church, Port Ryerse; St. John's, Woodhouse; St. John's, Port Rowan; St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Turkey Point and Christ Church Chapel of Ease, Vittoria)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the services of Ordination will be by invitation only. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

As the threat of COVID-19 continues in our area, in person Church services remain suspended. We will continue with our online services.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on, regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to let Rev Enrique or myself know.

Any birthdays in June – 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 the birthday section, please send me details.

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

1 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

2 Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

3 Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

4 Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

5 Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

6 From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.

502 - You are the Salt for the earth

The congregation sings bold text

1 You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!**

2 You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people
shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

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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