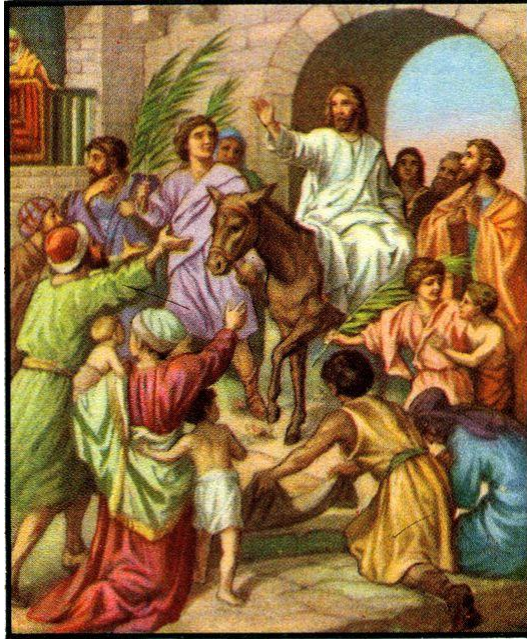


3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 24th 2021



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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

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

See Matthew 4.23

Collect

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

JONAH 3:1-5, 10;

PSALM 62:6-14;

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31;

MARK 1:14-20

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Reflection January 24th from Rev. Jack Cox - revjackcox@gmail.com

Greetings members of the Long Point bay community. This morning we have a gospel taken from the beginning of Mark's gospel. It's Jesus call of his 1st disciples. Jesus begins by telling his followers that God's kingdom has come close. (Think what that would have meant for those whose only kingdom, the only one they ever knew, was the kingdom of Rome).

Then Jesus says something that has been very badly translated into English as 'repent'. So, we naturally think he's asking us to be 'sorry for our sins'. The word has nothing necessarily to do with sin. The word in Greek is 'metanoia'. It's a combination of 2 words - 'meta'(new or another) and nous (mind). Jesus is basically saying 'get a new (or, 'different') mind', or, figuratively, 'get a new way of seeing/thinking'. Then he goes and calls 4 people to follow him – and all 4 are fishermen! And the really sad reality (from where I sit) is that I've never seen anyone ask the question, "Why fishermen?"

As a life long angler, let me tell you why I think Jesus' choice was brilliant! A real angler (even one who has read lots of books or hasn't read any) is only as good as his ability 'to read the waters' - a phrase every real fisherman knows that means 'looking at the water and figuring out where the fish are (and, by extension, where they aren't). In the 1st century of the common era, if you're a fisherman, your life and the life of your family depended on your ability to read the waters, and to bring home the fish. It required the fisherman, then and now, to be flexible, to look very carefully – and never assume you have it right. And it requires you to be smart enough to know, if it's not working, to change where or how you're fishing. Otherwise, your family will go hungry. Make that mistake often enough and your family dies of starvation. Yes, fishing in the 1st century of the common era was serious business (life and death serious).

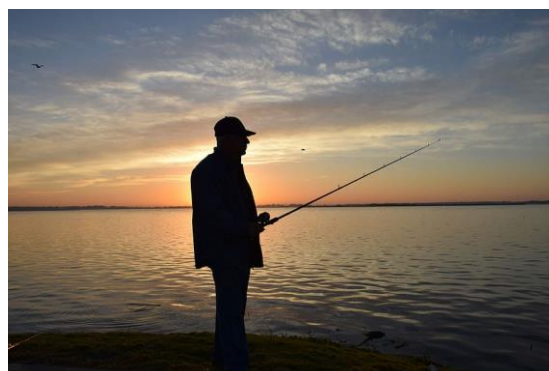
So, what does this gospel this morning have to tell us about our journey together with Jesus? Is our parish family healthy? Is our faith life and practice healthy – does it get me/us through the rough spots in a healthy way? If not, what might I try changing?

In the story of the good Samaritan (Lk 10: 25-37) Jesus asks the final question, 'Who was neighbour to the man who fell among the thieves? Are we good neighbours to those in our neighbourhood who need us? Have you been out fishing in your neighbourhood?

One thing I can assure you, having spent my life looking for, living with Jesus, and the rest of this motley crew on the same journey. It's rarely boring!

Enjoy the ride when you can and when you're not sure (buckle up).

Jack



Prayers of the People from Colin Clarke - cmrclarke@gmail.com

Heavenly Father, through your mercy and grace we awake to another day, and another opportunity to grow closer to you through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the gifts of laughter in times of sorrow, hope in times of despair, and faith in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Thank you for the joyous memories of loved ones no longer with us, and the happy memories we are making with those who remain.

We ask for the Holy Spirit to bind us together in fellowship and love. Fill us with the courage to do what is just and right. Give us the strength to forgive others and forgive ourselves. And in all things, grant us the peace to abide by your will, O Lord, to Let Go and Let God.

In the name of you son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

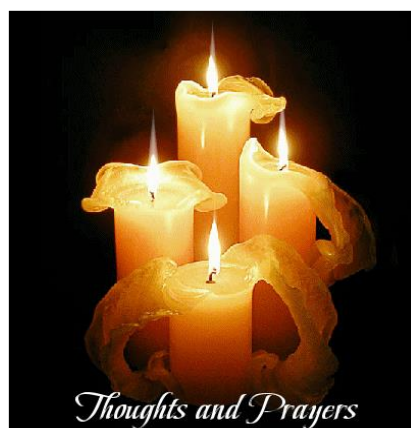
Amen.

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 January 24, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Silcox**, the **Rev. David Hyatt** and the people of **Grace Church, Branford**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes. We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

Pray as well as 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, Eric, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Judy Z. and anyone known to you. Amen.



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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 video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-8e-152YJY&feature=youtu.be>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorial will have their Zoom Vestry meeting on Sunday January 31st at 11am. I will send log in details once I have them.



Dear friends,

With the declaration of a State of Emergency for the province of Ontario beginning at 12:01am on Thursday, January 14, 2021, the RED Stage Loving Your Neighbours Guidelines have been updated. The RED Stage guidelines may be found [here](#). Below are the updates as well as some reminders for this period of time. The next few weeks will be difficult in many ways but we are not alone. God is with us, “an ever present help in times of trouble.” May you feel God’s presence with you during these during these days.

- Recording or Live-streaming services: a maximum of three (3) persons will permitted to be present to record or live-stream worship services, including any AV people. If a parish feels a strong need to a maximum of two others present, they may seek permission from their Territorial Archdeacon for a maximum of five persons, total. This request is to include the reasons for needing more people and a description of the locations and movement of people throughout the service. While the provincial maximum is higher than this number, we believe it is important for the church to lead by example in reducing our non-household contacts as much as possible.
- Even though there will be very few people present when recording or filming these services, masking and physical distancing guidelines must be followed. If a mask is removed to preach or officiate, no other person may be within 12 feet (2m) of the person who is not wearing a mask.
- If the services are filmed in segments so that more than three people are seen to be involved but are not present at the same time, it would be helpful to have that stated at the beginning or end of the service.

- The dropping off of Sunday School lessons and materials, worship materials, parish newsletters, bulletins, etc is permitted if done in a non-contact manner.
- Church buildings are to remain closed except for the following:
 - Recording or live-streaming worship as above
 - Counting of offerings: two persons only may be present in the building to count offerings and prepare the bank deposit. As we are not worshipping in person, there will likely be less physical offerings so this may only need to be done bi-weekly. The counters are to wear masks and to maintain physical distancing.
 - Parish office staff or clergy who need access to office equipment to provide parish materials. Only those tasks which absolutely cannot be done from their home should be done at the church. Time at the church is to be minimized as much as possible.
 - Regular security/maintenance checks done by a single individual (or couple from the same household) as required by insurance carrier.
 - Food insecurity or Out of the Cold programs.
 - 12-step programs (maximum of 10 people/meeting)
 - A schedule should be developed so that the above persons do not overlap.
 - A communication should be sent to the parish informing them that the church building is closed for the present time and that they may not drop into the building for any reason without prior authorization from the wardens.

Should any of our restrictions differ from those of the provincial government or your local health unit, the more stringent regulations are always to be followed.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten resources will be shared within the next couple of weeks.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Stay home, stay safe.

Blessings,

Tanya+

The Venerable Tanya Phibbs

Archdeacon of Huron

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymns – Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021

350 – Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord of hosts with heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name, and laud and magnify?
3. O for the living flame from God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song, who makes salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless the glorious name henceforth for evermore.

273 – Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple

1. Sing of Andrew, John's disciple, led by faith through ways untrod,
Till the Baptist cried at Jordan, "There behold the Lamb of God!"
Stirred by hearing this new teacher, Andrew, freed from doubt and fear,
Ran to tell his brother Simon, "God's Anointed One is here!"
2. Sing of Andrew, called by Jesus from the shores of Galilee,
Leaving boats and nets and kindred, trusting in that "Follow me."
When a lad's small meal fed thousands, when inquiring Greeks found care,
When the Spirit came in blessing, Andrew faithfully was there.
3. Sing of Andrew, bold apostle, sent to make the gospel known,
Faithful to his Lord's example, called to make a cross his own.
So, may we who prize his memory honour Christ in our own day,
Bearing witness to our neighbours, living what we sing and pray.

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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