

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 13th 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**

Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts; it can bring you salvation.

*James 1.21*

**Collect**

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you.

Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Reading**

1 SAMUEL 15:34-16:13;

PSALM 20;

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17;

MARK 4:26-34

Reflection from Dr. Justin Comber - [justincomber@diohuron.org](mailto:justincomber@diohuron.org)

You might have noticed that there is something a little off about what we Christians call good and true. We say strange things. We think strange things. We believe some very strange things. The Christian pattern is not so easily explained. And so, in some effort to explain what's different, we turn to the Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. In answer to the question "what's up with you, Christians?" Paul answers, "well, we live by faith, and not by sight." And he's right. It takes a certain kind of faith to say that the first are last, and to cast all one's hope on the result. It takes another kind of faith to pass by seven apparently strong, capable leaders and pick the runt of the lot; a shepherd named David. Perhaps, most of all, it takes all the faith that we can muster to trust in the God of the cross, the God who decided that dying brings victory over sin and death. But it worked. Every time. In each of the last, we find the unadulterated image of God-the-servant. In David, we find the ancient type upon whom Israel's messianic hope was built. In the cross we find victory over death, and eternal life in Jesus' resurrection. These unnatural choices, these runts and deaths and all the odd choices are, in fact, like the mustard seed. The unlikeliest of things, the things that go unnoticed, end up growing and spreading their branches, giving life to all who depend on them. Each of these things is deceptive in its simplicity or, in the case of the cross, in its sheer horror. None of these, by sight, represents a particularly hopeful foundation. But, in the Kingdom of God, the first are last and the dead will live forever. Because in the Kingdom of God, we see hope in mustard seeds, small farmhands, and a Roman cross. In short; we live by faith, and not by sight.

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*-the Lord does not see as mortals see...the Lord looks on the heart."(1 Samuel 16.7b)*

Heavenly Father thank you for this day- we are so grateful you are here with us.

We offer the following prayers in the name of Your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ-

Heavenly Father we pray for continued blessings of courage, wisdom and strength for our long serving Queen Elizabeth and all world leaders who know and practice your word in their leadership.

Lord we pray for our church, guide our spiritual leaders with your infinite wisdom.

We pray for guidance and strength to be worthy of your Grace. Heavenly Father, thank you for all the blessings you have given us- for all answered prayers, for the miracles you have performed for each of us. We pray for *our* improved awareness of your blessings in our lives.

Lord, we thank you for this season of great fruitfulness, and ask you to help us to see your presence in the beauty and richness of the natural world that is all around us. Praying for a safe and bountiful season for all who work in agriculture.

We pray for all who serve as first responders here and around the world, many putting their lives in danger to serve. Praying for the millions in the world in need of the basic needs of life. We fervently pray to you Lord their situations be improved and they may know your love and experience your care.

We know you sent your son to deliver a message of love & peace. Lord with Your wisdom & guidance show the way to purge the world of radicalization; Lord, please care and be with those citizens harmed by them.

Lord we pray for the friends & families of two recent tragedies-the drowning of a child in Lake Erie & the terrorist attack on a Muslim family in London Ontario.

Heavenly Father we continue to pray for the world's health & scientific communities. We pray the world's population will soon be vaccinated. We pray for those suffering with covid 19 and its variants, may they return to health and please Lord take into your arms those who have succumbed to the disease.

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those who have shaped our lives, family and friends whom we have placed in your hands, help us remember them well, grant them eternal joy and peace

Finally Heavenly Father we want to share with you our gratitude for those happy smiling times in our lives (Weddings, birthdays, a cup of tea with a friend). Let us each think of a happy time – concentrate on it-and offer our thanks for our Lord's attendance there

AMEN

We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Martinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday 13 June, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Silcox**, the **Rev. David Hyatt** and the people of **Grace Church, Brantford**.

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](mailto:lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com) or Enrique at [enrique6921@hotmail.com](mailto: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/OsYDw3fmIIU>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Port Rowan will be hosting an Outdoor Church Service June 20, Father's Day at 10 am. Bring your lawn chair, hat and water to drink. (Indoor service if rain).

There will be an in-person Council meeting this coming Wednesday, June 16 at 10 am in the Parish Hall for St. John's, Port Rowan.

Main agenda items are Rental roof and our Church Sign.

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.



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Bishop Todd Townshend has accepted the request of **The Reverend Canon Bryan Girling** to retire effective November 1, 2021 with his last Sunday in his parish October 1, 2021.

Canon Bryan was ordained a deacon May 17, 1989 and priested November 30, 1989. He has served the parishes of St. John's, Port Rowan with St. Luke's, Vienna, Trinity Church, Port Burwell, St. Williams, St. Williams; St. James, Brantford and Church of the Epiphany Kingsville, the position from which he will retire. He has served on Diocesan Council, the Administration and Finance Committee, the Budget Sub-Committee and as Regional Dean of Brant, Brant/Norfolk and Essex. He was named a Canon of the Cathedral on May 26, 2013.

Canon Bryan will be honoured with the other retirees at Synod 2022.

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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.

Bishop Townshend appoints the following as Regional Deans for a three-year term:

- **The Reverend Jenny Sharp** as Regional Dean of Huron-Perth
- **The Reverend CJ Adams** as Regional Dean of Lambton and of Kent

Bishop Townshend re-appoints the following Regional Deans for a three-year term:

- **The Reverend Paul Sherwood** as Regional Dean of Brant/Norfolk
- **The Reverend Canon Nick Wells** as Regional Dean of Delaware
- **The Reverend Canon Robert Lemon** as Regional Dean of Essex
- **The Reverend Carrie Irwin** as Regional Dean of the Saugeens

Bishop Townshend appoints **The Venerable Megan Collings-Moore** as Interim Archdeacon of the Saugeens effective June 1, 2021 in addition to her role as the Archdeacon of Waterloo.

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

## Sing along to this morning's hymns

### Hymns for Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>

#### # 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

- 1) For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.
  
- 2) In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
  
- 3) For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.



## **# 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

- 1) Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 2) Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 3) His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven,  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice
- 4) He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 5) Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

### **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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