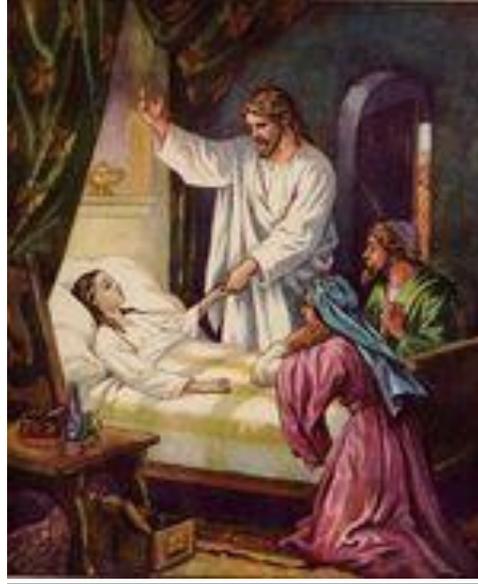


5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 27th 2021



Opening

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

And also with you.

Sentence

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

2 Timothy 1.10

Collect

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

2 SAMUEL 1:1, 17-27;

PSALM 130;

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15;

MARK 5:21-43

Healing

Ever find yourself asking, 'How do I get to be a real Christian? A real follower of Jesus? A person of real 'faith'?

I'd like to spend some time this morning thinking about the woman in today's gospel. She has a very deep visceral need – she has been hemorrhaging for 12 years and none of the physicians have been of any help. She knew about Jesus and just wanted to get close to him (close enough to just touch him). She's not looking for some conversation or some new wisdom. She just wants to get close to Jesus – just close enough to touch him. She's convinced that just being close to Jesus will be enough. And, as it turns out, she's absolutely right. Just being close to Jesus was enough.

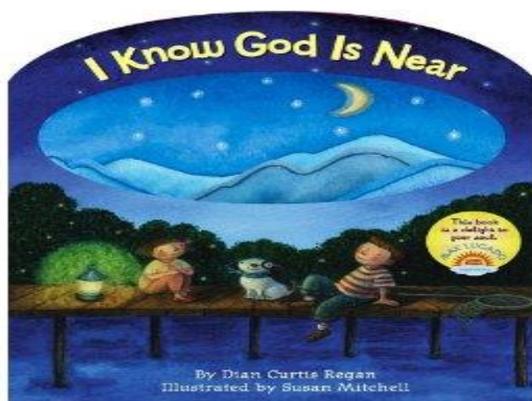
Notice that Jesus is in the midst of this crowd, jostling him as he walks, and he stops and asks 'Who touched me?' Seriously, Jesus? Who touched you? The woman was healed simply by being in the presence of Jesus. Obviously, it wasn't simply being in Jesus' presence, but being in Jesus' presence with the trust that that, in itself, can be trans-formational.

Having been a member of a religious order for over 40 years, you'd think I knew all about 'prayer'. You wouldn't be entirely wrong. But most of the forms that I was familiar with put me clearly in the driver's seat. "Do this...then... etc. etc."

It wasn't until I was in graduate school that I was introduced to a form of prayer call 'contemplation'. It's a form of prayer that invites me simply to be present – present to God/Jesus, a circumstance in my life etc. (For example, at Christmas, to simply be present in the stable (or Joseph's house in Matthew's Gospel). Then, to simply allow the 'event' to unfold as I observe. It's sometimes called the prayer of imagination. For me, it's often just being in the presence of God, Jesus, and allowing that presence to unfold as it will. I'm not in the driver's seat. It's being as trusting as the woman in the gospel, 'If I could just get close enough....' The presence of God, Jesus, the Spirit will do the rest.

It's not about the 'right words', the right understanding. It's about the willingness to get close enough to Jesus/God in whatever way I can. It's spending time with him – any way I can.

In this pandemic time, this time of isolating, perhaps this is the perfect time to try simply getting close to God/Jesus/the Spirit and trying to let that be enough. But try to remember, this is not 'working' at it. It's just trying to get close, and then letting that be enough.



Prayers of the people June 27th 2021 – JoAnne Easton - joeaston@kwic.com

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us for being so self-centered and for the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through.

As we go about our lives, most of us being in recent isolation because of the pandemic, we thank you for your on-going unfailing love, that at times we almost forget is there.

We thank you, that you are always present in our lives, behind and before us and let us not forget this.

Your love is so great that we know you will never let us down, you will never betray or deny us. You will walk alongside us every step of our way.

For you are the light of creation's dawn, you are the very breath of our lives, You are the promise of renewal. You are the harvest of our soul.

You are the loyal and dependable friend and companion.

In you our lives can be healed just as the sick lady and the dying girl in scripture today. Heal us, calm us and renew us to have wisdom and strength to do our best for your will.

In you we place our trust. In you we hold out our hands in adoration and praise.

We ask this prayer in Jesus's name. 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 27 June, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Enrique Martinez** (Rector in Charge) and the people of the **Parish of Long Point Bay**.

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., Elaine B., George F., 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@gmail.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/btTsorHrKiA>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/anniversaries/special occasions in July – 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.

Rev. Jordan Murray and Rev. Enrique Martinez were priested at the Service of Ordination on June 24 (the Birth of St. John the Baptist) at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, Ontario.

Congratulations Rev. Enrique



Sing along to this morning's hymns

Today's on-line service comes to you from Christ Church in Vittoria. Rev. Enrique has provided the sermon and AD Rick the remainder of the service.

Many thanks to Christy Brown Ritchie for reading the lesson and James Christison for providing the church photos and history.



Constructed in 1844, the church sits in the middle of Vittoria's historic square and is flanked by the United Church (1845), Town Hall (1870) and Baptist Church (1853). This area provides a rare and valuable legacy of early architectural styles of Ontario – the most important being Christ Church. According to University of Toronto professor, Marion MacRae, OC, "of the timber churches which were designed in the continuing Georgian tradition, one of the handsomest yet standing is Christ Church, Vittoria."

The church is constructed entirely of wood, namely native Norfolk County pine. The structure, outside and in, displays a number of Regency characteristics, a style popular at the time. The exterior is clad with flush-boarding, beveled on either matching edge, and grooved to imitate the joints of masonry. The corners of the building are finished with heavier pieces of plank arranged to form cornerstones. The overall wood detail makes the church look like it has been constructed solely of carved stone. This particular characteristic is what makes the building so important. According to the Ontario Heritage Trust - Ministry of Tourism and Culture, the church is the last of its style from this period in all of Ontario and likely the entire county.

In true Vittoria fashion, the care and concern of the community has ensured that Christ Church continues not only to have a spiritual presence but also to be part of the village's heritage and legacy. After closing in 1976 to weekly services, a small group of dedicated trustees have been looking after its operation and ongoing preservation. In preparation for Vittoria's 200th anniversary in 1996, the church underwent a major restoration to both the interior and exterior. This was accomplished through the tremendous support of the community.

As a Chapel-of-Ease, two services are held a year – a spring and fall gathering. These services are often conducted by a Long Point Bay Parish lay reader with all organization being done by the trustees. Since 2012 trustees and volunteers have been working on a number of goals to build a stronger presence for a viable future. The church is open during village events, historical tours in aid of Rotarians and the United Way, and is often highlighted in Norfolk County tourism campaigns. The church and what it represents continue to be supported by the community as well as the Vittoria & District Foundation Inc.

-The hymns for this special recorded Evensong service were chosen from *The Book of Common Praise* (BOCP, revised 1938). They may also be found in *Common Praise* (CP, 1998).

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *BOCP, #377* *CP, #306*

(tune: Richmond)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
3. He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
4. Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!
5. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *BOCP, #470* *CP, #486*

(tune: Hyfrydol)

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above;

Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.



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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