

# THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



PORT ROWAN ♦ PORT RYERSE ♦ TURKEY POINT ♦ VITTORIA ♦ ST. JOHN'S WOODHOUSE

Sunday February 20th 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



## **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**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

*John 13.34*

## **Collect**

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

## **Readings**

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15;

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42;

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50;

LUKE 6:27-38

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## Reflection for Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> from Rev. Jack Cox

Let me begin the reflection for this Sunday (Feb 20<sup>th</sup>) by asking you this question: Where will God be on Sunday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>? The simple answer is, Where ever you are! Now I'm willing to bet not a single one of all of us would have come up with that answer. But I believe that is the experiential truth. Now why in the world would I say that?

Go to the 1st reading for this Sunday (Genesis 45:3-11), and recall the background to this reading. Joseph's brothers were really jealous of the special relationship Joseph had with his father. So, to eliminate Joseph and that relationship (which really stuck in their craws) they had sold their brother into slavery. That would be the end of 'goody two shoes' Joseph. But you all will remember how Joseph, in Egypt, rose to a position of power and influence. When famine forced Jacob's sons to go to Egypt seeking life saving food, they encounter Joseph but don't recognize him.

At this point in the story, it could have played out in any number of ways. One of the options (which I would have thought least likely) is that Joseph, without revealing who he is to his brothers, has them go back and bring their father back with them. When the brothers return with Jacob, their father, Joseph reveals himself to them, and graciously sets them up in Egypt.

It was Joseph's trust in God that made him who he was. It was Joseph's relationship with God that moved him to forgive his brothers, to bring his family to Egypt, and enable them to prosper when the world around them was starving.

Was God present in that experience? My answer would be, Yes, Certainly! How was God present and acting? In and through Joseph.

So back to my question about God's presence on Sunday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. That presence, the presence of God, will depend on you and me and the choices we make. If I act like a jerk on the 20<sup>th</sup>, will God be absent? Theoretically no, but experientially? Probably.

All of this is simply to say that what we say, how we say it, what we do or don't do has the very real possibility of making God more (or less) present, more (or less) patient, more (or less) loving. Our choices will very really impact how, and even if, God is experienced.

And the Word becomes flesh, and lives among us!

## Prayers for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, submitted by Jack Addison

### LET US, GOD'S PEOPLE, PRAY

**Leader:** ~ O God, our Stronghold and our Refuge, grant us the courage and the strength of faith to trust in, and accept as true, Your all-encompassing love for ourselves. Release us from judgment and anger that we may grant the same love, mercy, and compassion to all others as we receive from You

**Response:**

Urge our hearts to love and forgive.

~ O God, our Stronghold and our Refuge, impel the hearts, minds, and souls of all who govern across every location on this Earth, to act always with the highest ethical, moral, and spiritual intent for those they lead.

**Response:**

Urge our hearts to love and forgive.

~ O God, our Stronghold and our Refuge, ease the distress for those who are poor in health, in spirit, or in the basic needs of life, and for those who selflessly aid and comfort them. We now join our voices to pray aloud for those in need.

**Response:**

Urge our hearts to love and forgive.

~ O God, our Stronghold and our Refuge, soften the grief for all who are bereft, as our beloved, raised to new life in glory and joy, are now with You for all eternity

**Response:**

Urge our hearts to love and forgive

~ O God, our Stronghold and our Refuge, grant extra blessings for those who lead us in Your Church as they inspire and encourage us, through Your Word and Sacraments, to take delight in and commit our ways and our lives entirely to You.

**Response:**

Urge our hearts to love and forgive

**The Celebrant adds:** Merciful, Benevolent God, relieve us of distress, frustration, and rage over the wickedness of others, and leave that judgment to You. Heighten our desire to be as generous with our love and forgiveness in this life, as You have promised to return to us in the next. We ask through Jesus, our Risen Christ; and the Holy Spirit, the Breath of our Souls; who together with You, are God Almighty, now and forever. **Amen.**



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

For the week beginning Sunday 20 February 2022, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Sherwood** and the people of **Trinity, Simcoe**.

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 F, Rose G, Julie, Carol M., George F., Carol H., Bud W. Juanita K. Mary B. and anyone known to you, silently or aloud

Remember as well our shut-ins June, Shirley & John, Iris, Julie, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B

**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@gmail.com](mailto: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/AJhI\\_8-YnT8](https://youtu.be/AJhI_8-YnT8)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online service only today

In house worship February 28<sup>th</sup> St John's Port Rowan at 10 am

Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. A delicious recipe you want to us all to enjoy. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique or myself and we can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in February – 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.

## Let the party begin



More pics on [www.LeFunny.net](http://www.LeFunny.net)

Hymn Texts – Sunday, February 20, 2022

**325 – Angel-Voices, Ever Singing**

1. Angel-voices ever singing, round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps forever ringing, rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee, and confess thee, Lord of might!
2. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;  
artist's craft and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine.
3. In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer, in humility,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices, in our choicest psalmody.
4. Honour, glory, might, and merit, thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given, earth and heaven render thee.

**500 – Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant**

1. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

## **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](mailto:enrique6921@gmail.com) or by phone at 519 586 3401 – Please note that Enrique's day off will be Fridays**

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