

Pentecost 14
September 6th 2020



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

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.19*

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

READINGS

Ex 12:1-14

Ps 149

Rom 13:8-14

Mt 18:15-20

Click on the link below to open the readings for this week

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2020-09-06&submit=show+new+date>

Reflection September 6th

We are just entering into a period of time in Christian Church which is called the Season of Creation. This is the period from September 1 until October 4th designated as a period of time to intentionally look at our relationship to all of Creation. Over my lifetime there has been a growing awareness, through science and theology, that increased industrialization and the “modern” world has not taken our impact on this planet seriously. Even now there are voices like schoolgirl Greta Thunberg begging us to wake up before it is too late for her generation and the earth, while others vehemently deny the science, or rationalize the problem away. As a Christian community, we don’t all speak with one voice and there are people, even in our own churches, who would differ in their views about climate change and what we need to do about it.

The position of the Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Church, along with many others is clear: We are created beings and have a responsibility to the Creator to take care of God’s world. Hence the focus today and throughout September. It is an interesting time for such a remembrance, as September is harvest time in the North America and Europe. Here in Norfolk County it is not hard to appreciate the bounty of the harvest. Fred Judd was telling me that about 60% of the food taken to the Ontario Food Terminal at this time of year comes from Norfolk County. We are Ontario’s Garden indeed! It is also a time that we cannot help but notice the changing of the seasons as the leaves gradually change colour and the days grow colder and shorter. How can we not realize how important the land truly is? How important the water we drink and irrigate the crops with? How important the air we breathe? At this time of year we have the Harvest and National Thanksgiving where we give thanks to God for this good land and all our many blessings.

In the Romans reading this week Paul asks the disciples to wake up to what was happening in the world around them. We too are being asked to wake up to what is happening to the planet earth, our island home, and as Christians, to pray and act as good stewards of this beautiful earth. Please listen, if you can, to my sermon video this week as I reflect further on what Christian Stewardship means and why we might want to wake up to a greater love of creation. Many blessings in safety and peace,

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Prayers of the people - 14th Sunday after Pentecost - Colin Clarke - cmrclarke@gmail.com

Praise to you, Almighty God, Lord of all Creation. From you, all good things come into being. Through your providence, we have this earth with everything that provides and sustains life.

We are not always good caretakers, Father, nor as patient and understanding as we could be with one another. That has been especially true this year. But through your love, and remembering the sacrifice of your son, we continue to pray to do better.

And so, Almighty Father, we thank you for the blessing of life and all of your good works. We thank you for the renewal of hope each morning brings, and for the peace and rest that comes with each night. We thank you for continuing to guide us with your light and move us with your will to reach out to each other, to heal wounded relationships, to invest in each other's well-being and the well-being of the earth.

We give thanks for the reinvigorated fellowship and faith that we were able to enjoy in the outdoor services. That direct connection with each other and Nature during our worship was powerful, for it was a reminder that WE are the church, and part of all your Creation.

We give thanks for the tireless work of our church leaders, our front-line care providers, the teachers and school bus drivers, the bank clerks and grocery staff, the farmers and their workers, the volunteers, and all in our communities who have kept us going and lifted us up as we've navigated this trying year and prepare for our children to return to school.

Help us, O Lord, to be good stewards of the earth and all of your gifts, that we may leave it a better place than we found it. We ask that you make us and the leaders of our nations, industry and commerce be responsive to your will, and be responsible in our use of the land and seas.

We pray for healing and reconciliation among the peoples of the world. We especially pray for the physical and emotional health of everyone as a new and very different school year commences.

Lastly, we ask you God to watch over our Parish of Long Point Bay, and for your guidance for the leader we need to come into our lives. We pray that you will fill our people with the Holy Spirit to open their minds and hearts to new possibilities.

We give thanks for all that you provide and ask for all these things in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Almighty God, we offer our prayers for Rick our interim Rector, Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, and Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. We pray also for the people of the Parish of Long Point Bay and all lay and clergy.

We pray also for **Rev. Paul Silcox, the Rev. David Hyatt and the people of Grace Church, Brantford.**

As well as for the ones who have asked for Your healing touch upon their lives:

Betty F., Don G. Franz and Elaine Z., Andrea P., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Kathleen C-S., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Diane H., Delores B., Dale Fitkowski, and anyone known to all who following these prayers

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 Ron.



If there are any changes to the prayer list or shut in list, please either let AD Rick or Anne Halls know at the at the contact information below.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Churches to be closed for the Summer. The Diocese of Huron has instituted a “reopening” program called “Loving Our Neighbour”, this can be accessed on the Diocesan website. We are currently in the RED stage of this programme. This means that while services inside the church are still cancelled, we can host outdoor services and events like weddings and funerals. Outdoor gathering for meetings is also permitted with social distancing. Not all parishes or congregations are required to offer outdoor services but it has become an option.

SERVICES:

There will be no more services at St. Andrew's, Turkey Point

St. John's, Pt Rowan Indoor Service Sunday September 13, at 9:30am

Woodhouse Outdoor or Indoor Morning Prayer Service September 20 at 11 a.m.

St. John's, Pt Rowan Indoor Service September 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Please bring your own chairs for Outdoor Services and be prepared to Social Distance.

**CHRIST CHURCH VITTORIA BOOKSALE
AT THE CHURCH
Continues today SUNDAY 6th September
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Sales by donation, don't miss out!
Wonderful fundraiser for the historic church! Rain or Shine**

VIDEO OFFERINGS THIS WEEK:

**Your Long Point Bay Regular Service can be found here:
Please click on the link to watch this week's video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6Tv78oyclw>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit please call the Rector. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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