

St. Paul's Cathedral

Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada, Kamloops, BC

Joyful, Rooted, Hospitable, Responsive

Sunday, September 5, 2021 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

George Herbert (1593–1633) - Affliction (IV)

BROKEN in pieces all asunder,
Lord, hunt me not A thing forgot,
Once a poor creature, now a wonder,
A wonder tortur'd in the space
Betwixt this world and that of grace.

My thoughts are all a case of knives,
Wounding my heart With scatter'd
smart,
As wat'ring pots give flowers their lives.
Nothing their fury can control,
While they do wound and prick my
soul.

All my attendants are at strife,
Quitting their place Unto my face:

Nothing performs the task of life:
The elements are let loose to fight,
And while I live, try out their right.

Oh help, my God! let not their plot
Kill them and me, And also thee,
Who art my life: dissolve the knot,
As the sun scatters by his light
All the rebellions of the night.

Then shall those powers, which work for
grief,
Enter thy pay,
And day by day
Labour thy praise, and my relief;
With care and courage building me,
Till I reach heav'n, and much more,
thee.

Prelude: Variations on hymn “Come , Children, Join and Sing”
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WORDS OF WELCOME

Melissa Green

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

The plants and trees show God’s presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,
we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.

Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives
that we may honour you among all peoples and nations,
**create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures,
and work for the healing of this world that you created.**

Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves, mountains and valleys so
that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation.

**We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit,
Three in One, One in Three, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG: Let Us Build a House (MV #1)

Jennilee Fraser

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace:
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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COLLECT

Canon Len Fraser

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Alternative collects, liturgy task force, ACC

A READING THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Jon Buckle

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. (PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

PSALM: 125

Jon Buckle

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
**so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the
land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *

but peace be upon Israel.

Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever. Amen

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

Elaine Parkes

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (JAMES 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17)

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GRADUAL: Called By Earth and Sky (MV #135)

Jennilee Fraser

Chorus: **Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep Ocean's dream, waters of healing,
rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Chorus

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Chorus

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.

Chorus

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Chorus

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arr. by Margaret Stubington, 2005*

GOSPEL

Canon Len Fraser

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (MARK 7:24-37)

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

Canon Len Fraser

OFFETORY HYMN: I am a Child of God (MV #157)

Jennilee Fraser

I am a Child of God, I am glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am endless prayer, I am an endless prayer

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Melissa Green

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Melissa Green

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Canon Len Fraser

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

Let us pray.

O Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God;
**In these times when we cannot receive you sacramentally,
come into ourselves, our souls and bodies,
as you have risen from the dead
bringing victory over death,
healing, comfort and peace.
Revitalize your Church in Love;
Strengthen us for service;
that when our wanderings end,
we may in courage and confidence**

**in joy and resilience,
discover your love throughout all creation, Amen.**

Quiet time

SENDING AND CELEBRATING

Canon Len Fraser

A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

May God who established the dance of creation;
who transforms chaos to order, lead us and empower us
to transform our lives
the witness of the Church
and the governments of nations
so that all might preserve and reflect
the glory of God revealed in creation;
and the blessing of God
almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Green

CLOSING HYMN: You Shall Go Out with Joy (VU 884)
(with repeats)

Jennilee Fraser

You Shall Go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And the trees of the field
will clap their hands,
the trees of the field
will clap their hands,
the trees of the field
will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

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POSTLUDE: Improvisation by Gail, Jennilee and Willow

We give thanks to God for the life of John Ernest Gowen in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given by his wife Mary, son Darren and his family and friends. The flowers in the chapel are given in memory of James Kavanagh from Elizabeth. May they rest in peace with all the Saints in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

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Selections from: *Feasting on the Word*

WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Presider: Canon Len Fraser & Melissa Green; Preacher: Canon Len Fraser;
Organist/Pianist: Gail Ovington; Hymn Leader: Jennilee Fraser; Altar Guild: Miriam Baskin,
Catherina Miller; Greeter: Linda Jackson; Lock Up: Elaine Parkes; Prayers of the People:
Lindley Roff; Readers: Jon Buckle, Elaine Parkes; Camera: Pat Ebert; Technology: Melissa
Green

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Season of Creation Education Events: Visit the Cathedral website for details on all ongoing and upcoming events. This week:
- **Wednesday, September 8 at 7pm in the Cathedral Chapter Room: PWRDF Creation Care: Climate Action.** Bring an image or small symbol of what Creation Care for food security means to you and join Joy Gothard in an exploration of the Season of Creation. This time will include prayers, learnings and reflections from PWRDF volunteers and partners with discussion. **Register with the office by the morning of September 8th.**
- **Saturday, September 11 at 2pm** (car pooling from the Cathedral at 1pm): **Visit to Notch Hill Community Growers Farm with Ron and Jennifer Ste Marie.** Learn how the farm came to be, visions for the community growers, tour of the farm, Eucharist, and tea. Wear walking shoes and if you'd like to stay for a bit of light gardening bring your garden gloves! **Register with the office by September 9th.**

Welcome Home!

We are excited to be opening our doors alongside providing ongoing virtual worship. We are beginning with a slow gentle start, a number of ministry groups will begin in the fall including coffee, servers, children and youth ministry, and communion in one kind.

For the comfort, health and safety of all, including those most vulnerable amongst us, we do ask you to consider the following:

- Masks are mandatory while in the Cathedral.
- Contact Tracing and Sanitization procedures between service and after each service are in place.
- We ask all offering leadership to wear a mask unless they are speaking at the lectern.
- We encourage households to keep social distance between one another.
- The offering plate is available at the entrance of the church (not passed around at this time) and will be brought to the altar by a greeter.

These are new restrictions as of August 23, 2021